

"Free Bird"

Romans 7-8:11

1.) The first step toward walking in freedom is dying to the law and sin and coming to life in Christ! V 1-6

"When we come to the End of ourselves, we come to the beginning of God." -- Billy Graham

- A. We need to be reminded that we have died to ourselves and the pain associated with the old life!
 - a. **"7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."**-- Genesis 4:7
- B. We are to come alive in a new life in the Spirit!

2.) The second step towards walking in freedom is realizing your weakness and surrendering back to Jesus! V 7-13

- A. God's law is perfect and pure, yet we can never fulfill it on our own!
- B. Our flesh will always try to deter us from following the truth!
- C. God's law is written upon our hearts and will either convict us or deter us from following Him!
- D. The law shows us just how much we need Jesus!

3.) The 3rd step in walking in freedom is to call out on Jesus who delivers you! V 14-25

- A. Paul recognizes that no matter how hard he strives he is still utterly sinful compared to the law!

- B. There is a battle that rages on for your heart's affection!

"12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."-- Ephesians 6:12

- C. King Jesus delivers you and me from ourselves when we call on Him!

4.) The 4th to walking in freedom is to live in the Spirit! V 1-11

- A. Paul reminds us that there is no condemnation in Jesus Christ!
- B. Paul realized that he could not live the Christian life on His own strength!
- C. The flesh brings death, but the Spirit brings peace!
- D. If the Holy Spirit lives in us we are no longer subject to death and sin!

5.) The 5th Step to walking freedom is to remember who is on your side! V31-38

- A. If Jesus is for you who can be against you?
- B. Jesus is interceding for you and me today!
- C. We are more than conquerors in Christ Jesus!

Closing Questions

- 1.) Do you want freedom?
- 2.) Are you willing to give up?
- 3.) Are you willing to let the Holy Spirit move in your life as He chooses?