

Framed Freedom

Intro:

1 pet 2:16

Freedom does not equal autonomy - there is a price to getting this wrong

Problem:

Rom 6:1-23

Freedom does not equal autonomy

Freedom is the state of being free from control of a particular power

Autonomy is the state of being free from control of every power - literally a self legislature

Freedom from sin's dominion does not mean freedom from God's.

In other words your freedom is not floating in a universe of neutrality. No such universe exists. How should you live freely in the midst of pagan religion, in a pagan marketplace, in a pagan home, in a pagan world?

Main Idea:

Freedom is framed by Christ

In the midst of pagan religions

In the midst of pagan marketplaces and pagan homes

In the midst of a pagan world

Implication:

Freedom is framed by Christ, His communion, His commandment, His commission

Set free - not merely from law and death but from autonomy - from the framework of a pagan world

Application:

We do not live in a neutral universe.

We cannot live as if we do.

By grace we have ben set free from this false reality. We are not god's. This is not our universe. It is His!

Every action is taken, every word is spoken in God's universe.

You are free to live in it fully participating in it - doing all you do, saying all you say - for the glory of God.

If even the rocks praise his Name how much more should I?

Articles for further study:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/lets-revise-the-popular-phrase-in-but-not-of>

<https://cdn.subsplash.com/documents/Z9H3R5/ source/d91a1992-5c66-4ad3-8de1-f286137d7a04/document.pdf>

<http://www.barabbas.com/sermons-book/?>

[sapurl=Lys00TViL2xiL21pLytxbjhteG02P2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZQ==](http://www.barabbas.com/sermons-book/?sapurl=Lys00TViL2xiL21pLytxbjhteG02P2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZQ==)

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Text:

Freedom is framed by Christ

1 Corinthians 10:14 ¶ Therefore, my beloved, **flee from idolatry.**

1 Corinthians 10:15 I speak as to **sensible** people; **judge** for yourselves what I say.

rom 12:1-2 (discern how to use freedom framed by His desires -)

eph 2:1-3 (autonomy is a lie - freedom is not merely doing what you want - freed from our old wants)

jn 17:9-18 (how do we live as free people in the midst of a pagan world)

In the midst of pagan religions

1 Corinthians 10:16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a **participation** in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a **participation** in the body of Christ?

1 Corinthians 10:17 Because there is **one** bread, we who are many are **one** body, for we all partake of the one bread.

1 Corinthians 10:18 Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar?

1 Corinthians 10:19 What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?

1 Corinthians 10:20 No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons.

1 Corinthians 10:21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

1 Corinthians 10:22 Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

1 cor 8:4-8 (food does not commend us to God)

(Luke 22:14-20 (ordinary food symbolizing communion - context is significant))

(matt 15:1-20 (neither food nor fasting make us Holy commends us to God))

1 cor 7:17-20 (neither does circumcision...but...)

gal 5:1-12 (the context is not always neutral - a neutral act can be tied to a not neutral whole -

col 2:8-3:1 (our freedom is framed by His communion in a pagan world)

(James 4:1-4) you can hang out with your homosexual neighbors without going to a pride parade, you can say black lives matter without joining a marxist movement, you can be flexible without being a yogi, you can listen to music without worshiping the devil, but you can't be an idiot - the context matters)

In the midst of pagan marketplaces and pagan homes

1 Corinthians 10:23 ¶ "All things are lawful," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up.

1 Corinthians 10:24 Let no one seek his own good, but **the good of his neighbor.**

1 Corinthians 10:25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of **conscience.**

1 Corinthians 10:26 For "the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof."

1 Corinthians 10:27 **If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience.**

1 Corinthians 10:28 **But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience—**

1 Corinthians 10:29 I do not mean your **conscience**, but **his**. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else's **conscience**?

1 Corinthians 10:30 If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks?

1 cor 8:1-3, 7-13 (their conscience is not always neutral - freedom framed by His commandment)

Gal 5:13-25 (our freedom is framed by a commandment we already have-

Paul may sometimes seem inconsistent until you understand what guides him - weather vane might seem inconsistent until you know what controls i)

In the midst of a pagan world

1 Corinthians 10:31 ¶ So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, **do all to the glory of God.**

1 Corinthians 10:32 Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God,

1 Corinthians 10:33 just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, **that they may be saved.**

1 Cor. 11:1 ¶ Be **imitators** of me, as I am of **Christ.**

1 cor 9:19-27 (our freedom is framed by His commission we already have...but there is more in play)

gen 3:1-7 (5) (you are never neutral - freedom is not autonomy - autonomy all things for the glory of self)

gen 3:17-19 (no glory in your autonomy - struggle, pain, thorns and thistles...death - you are not too important die)

Jn 19:1-5 (and then God did something amazing - are you paying attention?)

rom 8:1-23 (set free - not merely from law and death but from autonomy - from the framework of a pagan world)

lk 19:36-40 (imp/app)

Application Questions

MESSAGE RECEIVED
(Do you understand what you learned?)

- What is the main point of this message? (Could you summarize it in your own words?)
- What is something new that you learned?
 - What was your knowledge in this area before you heard this message?
 - Any change you will make in your daily life based upon this new knowledge?
- What reference verse stands out to you and why?
- How did this message encourage you? Why do you think that is?
- Did the message pair with your weekly bible reading in any way?
- What is a struggle you had with this message? It's content or it's application?
- What are some truths that stand out to you in this message?
 - Any life testimonies that you can think of that are good examples of these truths?
- What character/attribute of God stands out to you the most in this message and why?
 - Any specific verse that puts this attribute on display?

MESSAGE APPLIED
(What are you going to do with what you learned?)

Culture

- What are the lies of the world/devil that we need to be aware of that are antithetical to this message?
- What do you think the cultural animosity is towards this message if we apply it rightly?

Church

- How do you see this message impacting the church corporately? (locally/globally)
 - What prayers would be good to pray for the church body based on this message?

Individual

- Is there a sin in your life that this message convicted you of?
 - Why do you think this was a blind spot in your sanctification before this message?
- How did the message address any specific life circumstance you are going through right now?

- Select two questions from the below list and write down your answer to them:
 - How does this message change or impact your:
 - Prayer Life?
 - Evangelism?
 - Bible Reading?
 - Christian Relationships?
 - Non-Christian relationships?
 - Parenting?
 - Role as a Husband/Wife?
 - Workplace?
- **How have you been changed by this message? What is your one memorable takeaway. If I ask you “How did God sanctify you through the preaching of this message, how would you respond?”**