The Perfect Law of Liberty Pt3 of 3

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INTRODUCTION

- James refers to the word of truth, God's word, as the perfect law of liberty.
- At first glance, that's a seeming contradiction, isn't it? That it's a law of liberty.
- It's a beautiful word because it answers the most important of all of life's questions, and that is what must I do in order to be saved.

1 We Need Liberty Because Sin Will Enslave Us

John 8:31–36

- And we need that liberty. Because sin will enslave us.
- If you abide in my word, you're my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
- Whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.
- Being Abraham's descendants did not protect them from being slaves. And being 21st century Americans doesn't protect us from being in bondage.

2 Sin Is Enslaving

James 1:14–15

- Sin is enslaving. In one sense, because the more we practice it, the easier it becomes.
- Sin can enslave in the sense that many sins are addictive in nature.
- Sin is enslaving because sin often leads to other sins. Lust led to adultery, which led to lying, which led to murder.
- Sin is enslaving also because it becomes the default position.
- Sin is enslaving because it has chained me to the destiny of death.

3 Christ Has Set Us Free

Galatians 5:1; Romans 8:1–2

- But we have a perfect law of liberty. And thanks be to God, Christ has set us free.
- Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty by which Christ has made us free. And do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.
- For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.
- He has cut the chains of bondage that bound me to sin.

4 Free to Do What?

2 Peter 2:18–22

- But here's the question of the hour. Free to do what?
- That's the way I fear some Christians view forgiveness. That it's like garbage day at your house.
- Christ has set us free. It's the perfect law of liberty, but not set us free to live in sin again.
- It would have been better for them to not have known the way of righteousness than having known it to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

5 Made Free, But Not Free to Sin More

Romans 6:1

- We've been made free, but not free to sin more.
- Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?
- We died to that. We've been raised to be a new creature, not to be the old creature, not to do the old things, not to be a slave again.
- But he is a master who offers freedom. Freedom to live the life that we were intended to live.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you be free? Christ can make you free this morning.**

MY NOTES