



# Bible Thematic Lessons

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**FREEDOM**



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**Goal of Lesson:**

- To explain that true freedom can only be found in Jesus.



**Lesson Takeaway:**

True freedom can only be found in Jesus.



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Bible References:

John 8:31 – 36; Romans 8:1,2;  
Galatians 5:1,13,16–26.



Explain the meaning of freedom.

In this study, we define freedom as the state of being free. To be free is to have the power and choice to act, speak, or think without external influence or restraint.

This means, no one is forcing you to do something or say something or act in a way that is different from what you wanted. You are then responsible for your choice and the consequences of your choice.



What does the bible say about freedom?

In this study, we are looking at freedom in the context of a master and servant. But first, we need to answer some questions to understand what the bible defines as freedom. These questions include, “what are we being freed from?”, “who is making us free?”, “what were we in bondage or slavery to?”

In John 8:34 – 36, Jesus said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed”.

These verses answer the questions we raised earlier. Anybody who commits sin is a slave or in bondage to sin. The Son, that is, Jesus has come to set us free from sin.



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## What does the bible say about freedom? (Contd.)

We were slaves to sin. The devil is the master we served as sinners. But Jesus came to the world, died on the cross, rose from the grave and we became free from sin and the devil.

So, essentially, there is a Master (God or the devil), and we choose to serve one of them. If we choose to serve the devil, we become his servant. If we choose to serve God, we become His servant. Serving the devil through living a life of sin brings us into bondage. Serving God is living in true freedom – we become free from the bondage of sin.

In addition to being free from sin, we also have freedom in the following areas:

1. We are free from guilt and condemnation – Romans 8:1.
2. We are free from oppression/bully/troubles by the devil – Psalm 34:19; 97:10.
3. We are free from sicknesses – 1 Peter 2:24.
4. We are free from fear – Romans 8:15.



## How can we live in freedom today?

The first step in becoming free is to accept that Jesus came to set you free. In Jesus, we have true freedom. If you don't accept this, you might go around looking for false freedom outside of Jesus. Some people believe that if they prayed hard enough, or go to church more often, or give lots of money to those in need, or do more good works, they will be free from sin. This is not true. Jesus has already paid the price for our freedom, so you don't have to pay anything or work hard enough to gain your freedom.



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How can we live in freedom today? (contd).

The next step is to confess your sins to God who alone can forgive. When we confess and repent from our sins, we then have the right to be called children of God. It is like telling God, "I accept that You are my Father. I no longer belong to the devil. I belong to you now". That is what God wants – for Him to be our Father and for us to be His sons and daughters.

Now, we need to understand that living in freedom is a choice we need to constantly make. That is because the devil will try to get us back on his side. When we fill our hearts with the truth of the word of God, we can recognize when the devil is trying to lure us away from God and we can say no! *"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"* (John 8:31-32).

As Christians, we have been called to use our freedom to love and serve one another (Galatians 5:13).

We should not use our freedom as a cover-up to do evil but live as servants of God (1 Peter 2:16). We also need to make a choice of what we can do with our freedom. Being free does not mean being reckless, that is, doing anything you want (see 1 Corinthians 6:12). If that activity does not bring glory and honour to the name of God, then, you are not free to engage in the activity.

Finally, in Galatians 5:1, we understand that while Christ has set us free, it is possible to go back to a life of slavery to sin if we do not keep living in our freedom.

Let us choose to live in freedom by doing what will honour and please God, our loving Father.



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Memorize:

John 8:32 – And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.



Questions:

i. How can we live in freedom today?

ii. Mention three things/areas where Jesus has given us freedom.



Remember: True freedom can only be found in Jesus.



Let us pray: Dear God, thank You for the freedom I have in Jesus. When the devil wants to lure me away to his side, help me to say no, and continue living in freedom, doing the things that will bring glory and honour to your name. I ask these in Jesus' name, amen!



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