

Freedom in Christ: Gifts of God
Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 3:21-26; Galatians 2:20

Am i drawn to messages telling me i haven't done enough or those that remind me who i am so that i'm free to live out this life God's given me?

I. Freedom comes by the gift of His grace Ephesians 2:8-10

A. Gift of faith through grace (8,9)

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

B. Gifted for a purpose for God's kingdom (10)

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

II. Freedom comes by the gift of His righteousness Romans 3:21-26

A. His righteousness reveals our basic need for freedom (21,22)

21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

B. Our righteousness is not enough (23)

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

C. His righteousness is a gift (24-26)

24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

1. Vs.24a He justifies
2. Vs.24b He redeems
3. Vs. 25 He propitiates
4. Vs 26 He pardons

III. Freedom comes by the gift of Christ himself Galatians 2:20

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

A. Gift of Christ in you (20a)

B. Gift of love empowers me to live by faith motivated by love

Conclusion

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