

# Our Greatest Gift is Freedom

The heading for this article is most likely a very unexpected statement, one which our religious minds immediately tries to de-construct and nullify. That would be because of the church training we've been submitted to throughout our lives. The refusal to receive the heading statement, and even to try to understand it, exemplifies the religious spirit's strategy to destroy any knowledge of who we really are.

While ever we see ourselves as "dirty rotten sinners" or "sinners saved by Grace", we'll never move on in maturity and into everything that Jesus achieved for us. Likewise, while ever we see ourselves as Christians, we'll never move into everything that sonship has for us in Father's plans. And, while ever we view the Kingdom as a theology, we'll never enter into everything that's meant to be ours right now, and which flows into 'the Age to Come'.

Can you see how religion takes away from us what's rightfully ours? Legalism is even worse, because it binds us up so we're stuck and can't be free of it.

So what freedom do we have any why? Isn't it dangerous? Let's investigate.

We actually have a great deal of freedom and liberty, but religion takes it away from us. That elimination has been so effective, that most of us haven't even had any teaching on it. There's two types of freedom, based on who we are: Human's have created freedom; and sons have more.

**Remember** Humanity ('mankind') was created a little lower than the *elohim* (God) and have a level of deity being imagers of him (or, more correctly, 'them' as referring to the Trinity).<sup>1</sup>

To get an understanding of the freedom we **all** have, the following a statement conveys Father's mind on our human freedom. It is not a prophetic word, but information from Graham Cooke's understanding of Father's heart which is supported in his book by scripture:

*"Beloved, when we created mankind, the greatest possible gift that we could bestow was freedom. In order for you to be free to choose your way, we have to remove our control over you as a possibility for your life. The essence of control is limitation; the curbing of free will and the repression of the individual. If you're to be fully made in our image, then you must have the same freedom that we do. We knew that freedom of choice would take some people away from our loving lifestyle. We don't wish to control you. We don't want to control anyone or anything, but rather, we want to walk with people through life situations and be in charge of the process of redemption."*<sup>2</sup>

What does that mean for us? In part, it means this:

*Before you were ever born, your redemption was already completed. Not just forgiveness from sin and self-destruction, but also the elimination of all forms of negativity in your heart and mind. That means any anxiety, fear, panic, worry, all forms of dread, every negative thought, every negative emotion, every painful word and every evil deed. Freedom from all of that, that's true liberation."*<sup>3</sup>

However, that's only some of the good news of our freedom. There's more.

To grasp the enormity of it, it's extremely important to have the right mindset on our spirituality and who we are. The correct one will most likely be foreign to nearly every believer. We must understand that what Jesus accomplished for us was not salvation, nor was it to save us from our sins, neither was it to permit us to go to Heaven. **His main accomplishment was to reverse the effects of The Fall.** The result of that is that we're back where Adam was originally. At this point in time, we don't actually live in the garden of paradise, because we're not free of the enemy's influence and we don't have Adam's type of body. The good news is that all of that's coming. That's what the Manifestation of the Sons of God and the Restoration of All Things is about,

1 – READ: "Do We Have Deity?" (8-1-2023) [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Do-We-Have-Deity.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Do-We-Have-Deity.pdf)

2 – Graham Cooke (2016) "The Nature of Freedom" p:1 [www.brilliantbookhouse.com/products/the-nature-of-freedom](http://www.brilliantbookhouse.com/products/the-nature-of-freedom)

3 – Graham Cooke (2016) "The Nature of Freedom" p:1 [www.brilliantbookhouse.com/products/the-nature-of-freedom](http://www.brilliantbookhouse.com/products/the-nature-of-freedom)

which will take us into the Age To Come where we'll be fully restored. In the meantime, we need to live like the people we are – sons. That's something that requires a great deal of reprogramming so we can allow ourselves to appropriate what's ours, and not reject it because of religion.

FREEDOM is one of the facets of the life that's available to us right now. Jesus talked about it in his teaching, as did Paul. Unfortunately religion has always 'demonized' freedom, calling it independence, lawlessness, licentiousness, libertinism, anarchism, wantonness, unruliness, error, false teaching, and more.

I grew up in Methodism, so I'm well acquainted with how religion eliminates our freedom. During my time there, and ever since, I was never schooled in freedom, but taught how to perform to please 'God'<sup>4</sup>. We thought that when we pleased him with our lives and our worship, that he would then accept us. The highest priority in this training was 'killing' the 'flesh'<sup>5</sup>, even though our focus should have been on relationship. The focus of teaching was also strongly on being a bond servant or a slave, rather than a son. Instruction included constant pressure from the pulpit to be obedient, and that included steps and processes to ensure that we were. Our teaching included a strong focus on performance, so we could be approved to properly walk with 'God'.

All that caused us to lose sight of the freedom and liberty that Paul walked in, as we struggled to be free through our own strength. The knowledge that we were already free was never spoken by preachers, because it was a taboo topic. We were told that we were only free to not conform to the world and it's standards, but that was the limit of our freedom.

Why is freedom our greatest gift? It's because it comes with our humanity, and everyone has it. It's a gift that aligns with the status of planet managers and planet governors that we were created for. It's a component of every human's status as being made a little lower than the Trinity and above the angels. It's also great, because it's one of the first gifts we were given at Creation.

I expect that there'll be resistance in those who read this document to accept the freedom that we have, so here's encouragement from our King:

*"Do not be afraid to take the next step because you might make a mistake. I will give you the wisdom you need to succeed," says the Lord. "But, you must decide to move forward. Otherwise, you will be stuck until you gather the courage and inspiration to leave your comfort zone. Face your insecurities, and deliberately seek the truth of possibilities instead of allowing your soul to be in turmoil.""*<sup>6</sup>

For an easy-to-listen-to teaching session on our freedom by Graham Cooke, watch this:

**VIDEO:** Graham Cooke "Live FREE from striving for God's approval..." [youtu.be/jLBOdNfQwVI](https://youtu.be/jLBOdNfQwVI)

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

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4 – 'God': I use this term in inverted commas because 'God' is the generic term people use, while I don't any more. I have an intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, so I refer to them by name, out of relationship. From my oneness with them, I also refer to them as The Trinity.

5 – For a better perspective on this read:

"What is 'The Flesh'" (25-10-2020) [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/What-is-the-Flesh.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/What-is-the-Flesh.pdf)

"More About 'The Flesh'" (25-10-2020) [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/More-About-The-Flesh.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/More-About-The-Flesh.pdf)

"Flesh' and other things" (25-10-2020) [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Flesh-and-other-things.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Flesh-and-other-things.pdf)

6 – Marsha Burns "Small Straws in the Soft Wind" (May 25, 2023) [ft111.com/smallstraws.htm](http://ft111.com/smallstraws.htm) [ARCHIVE: [ft111.com/straws2023.htm](http://ft111.com/straws2023.htm)]