

April 27: Sunday Worship Leaders

**Songs:** Clem Rosenberger III  
**Opening Prayer:** Carl Nulph  
**Communion-lead:** Ben Wright  
**Communion-serving:** Dan Mitchell  
Jonah Lee, Bill McGaughey  
**Scripture:** Randy Grossman  
**Scripture Reading:** Job 23:1-17  
**Sermon:** Tim Henry (Valley Cities)  
**Closing Prayer:** Dave Barron  
**Remarks:** Steve Maul  
**Communion Prep:** Whitney Grabowski

May 4: Sunday Worship Leaders

**Songs:** Nolan Grossman  
**Opening Prayer:** Tom Sellers  
**Communion-lead:** Brian Steffy  
**Communion-serving:** Chris Plummer  
Rick Smith, Jacob Sellers  
**Scripture:** Randy Salsgiver  
**Scripture Reading:** Job 23:1-17  
**Sermon:** Brandon Foresha  
**Closing Prayer:** Clyde Shaffer  
**Remarks:** Clem Rosenberger III  
**Communion Prep:** Mary Laird

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ladies' Bible Study:** May 1. Lesson 10. Every other Thursday. 1:00pm at the building.
- **Weekly Visiting: Wednesday at 1pm** a group gathers at the building. See Ben, Dave or Brandon.
- *Mark your calendars...VBS is June. 8-12*
- **MAY 3: 9am-2pm.** Free Yard Sale to advertise our VBS
- **Graff Camp Getaway:** June 12-14. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board.
- Please park toward the back of the lot to leave the closer spaces available for those with limited mobility. Thank you for your consideration!
- Tammy and Big Mike are moving next Saturday, May 3. Meet at the building at 9am if you are able to help.
- Lads to Leaders Scrapbooking: May 10

PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES

- Lorrie Ridenour is home and is doing well! Praise God!
- Rob and Cheryl Zanotto , two friends of Heather, passed away in a motorcycle accident yesterday. Please pray for their family.
- Cindy Miller is being transported to Butler Hospital. She has a bleeding GI. Please pray for her.
- Robin missed a step and fell. She is very sore. Please pray she heals up soon.
- Bill McGaughey may have a fractured vertebrae in his back. He will have an MRI to find out what is causing such pain.
- As always, pray for Brandon, the elders, deacons and Bible class teachers!



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(Behind the Dairy Queen)



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Sunday Morning Bible Class: 9:30 AM**  
**Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM**  
**Sunday Evening Service: 6:30 PM**  
**Wednesday Eve Bible Study: 7:00 PM**

April 27, 2025

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**We are LIVE on YouTube!!!** All of the sermon and bible study videos are organized into playlists for your convenience. LIKE, SUBSCRIBE & SHARE!

<http://www.youtube.com/@KittanningchurchofChrist>

All PowerPoints to go along with the videos are available on our website!

Facebook has informed us that all future live-streams will only be kept for 30 days, so if you need a video and it is not on Facebook anymore, it will always be available on YouTube.

OTHER OPTIONS FOR ACCESSING SERVICES:

- Join us on **Facebook** at **Kittanning Church of Christ Group**

**\*\*Remind App text message system:** To sign up and receive messages please text this number- 81010 with this message- @32f4df

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# FREEDOM FROM SIN

**What Does Paul Mean When He Says That We Have Been Freed From Sin; That We Become Slaves to Righteousness? In the Story He Awakens From his Long Sleep and Tries To Live his Life in a Hurry, Trying To Catch Up on Everything He Has Missed. In his Conscious State He Discovers the World, Beauty and Love. In the End, his "Awakening" Lasts Only for a Little While Before He Goes Back to his Dormant State.**

But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

- Romans 6:17-18

What does Paul mean when he says that we have been freed from sin; that we become slaves to righteousness?

He is speaking to Christians and so it means that all of us who are Christians have been freed from sin and made slaves to righteousness. We understand the words but is he talking about something we really have experienced?

For example:

## 1. Freedom from Sin

At first glance one could think that we are no longer surrounded by sinfulness but just looking around at the world we inhabit with its crime and trouble would tell us that this is not so.

We could hope that this means that we personally are no longer going to sin as Christians but which one of us can say that we do not sin in some way all the time, so what does this freedom from sin mean?

Freedom from sin means two things:

A. We have freedom from the dominance that sin has over us.

We still sin, yes, but we do so less and less because we now have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us to help us overcome temptation. As Paul explains:

...if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. - [Romans 8:13b](#)

B. We also have freedom from the consequences of sin.

Again, Paul teaches:

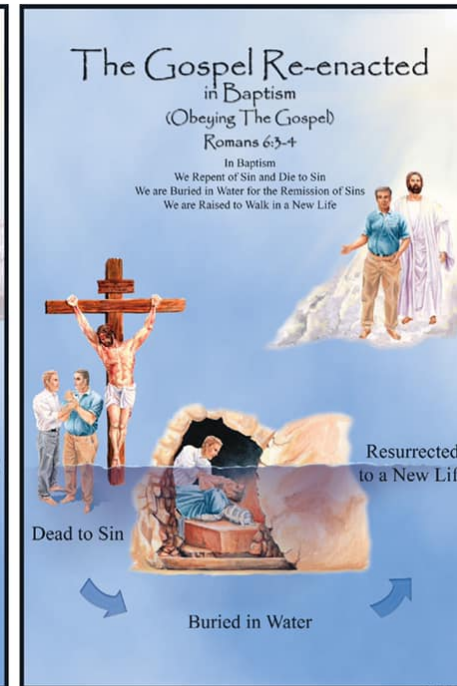
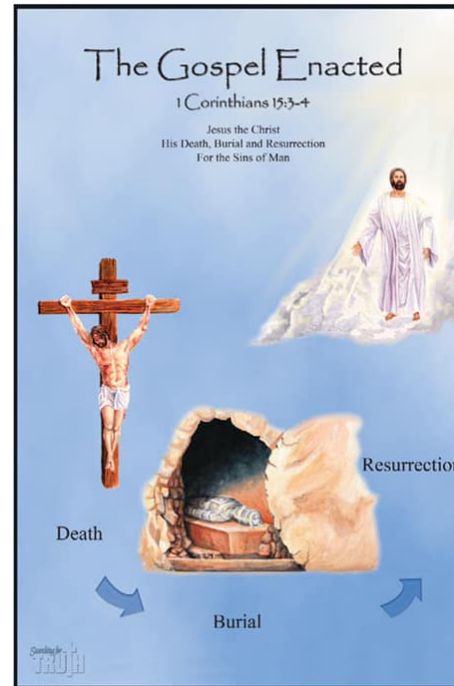
For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- [Romans 6:23](#)

Notice that he says: Sin = death; free gift = eternal life.

We are liberated from the judgment against us. In other words, we are pardoned.

So through Jesus we are freed from the power that sin has over us and the punishment that awaits us because of it. Now, because of this freedom from sin, we become:



## 2. Slaves to righteousness

There is some misunderstanding about this passage. Slaves to righteousness does not mean that, as Christians we become slaves to perfectionism.

A slave to perfection is one who is never satisfied unless his behavior is without fault or work is without mistake or accomplishments are always better than everyone else's.

Unfortunately, this is what many think Christianity is all about.

A slave to righteousness is not a perfectionist, it is a person who is committed to pursuing what is right, who loves what is right, who rejoices in what is right. In Corinthians, Paul describes the slave of righteousness as one who:

...does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

- 1 Corinthians 13:6

Jesus refers to these slaves of righteousness when He says, Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be satisfied.

- Matthew 5:6

They are slaves in the sense that whatever is right and good and pure and holy and worthy of praise, they are automatically for it, regardless of the cost or suffering or the opposition, they will side with what is right, even if they are not perfectly accomplishing what right demand themselves!

This thirst for righteousness will be satisfied to a degree now in the sense that the present imperfection is covered by God's grace but one day, when there will be no sin, no death, that thirst for what is right will be completely satisfied; they will be themselves perfect, not through accomplishment but through resurrection to perfection.

## Summary

Therefore, when you put these ideas together, Paul is saying that when you are freed from sin you begin to be a slave of righteousness.

However, this freedom only comes when we are forgiven for our sins through repentance and baptism in the name of Christ.

•Paul refers to this teaching in [Romans 6:17](#).

- Peter preaches it in [Acts 2:38](#).
- Obedience to the teaching frees us from sin.

The question you need to ask yourself is: are you free, are you thirsty?

## Discussion Questions

1. Describe the kind of person you were before your conversion to Christianity.
2. What does "freedom in Christ" mean for you personally?
3. Which spiritual goals do you strive for above all others? Why?

- Mike Mazzalongo, *Choctaw Church of Christ, Choctaw, Oklahoma*

Heather's dad has set up a GoFundMe to help cover her mom's medical expenses from cancer treatment. Any support would mean a lot. Please consider donating if you are able.

The link is:  
<https://gofund.me/59e27f33>



By Deborah  
Ann Belka

## ~ The Blessings of Spring ~

Song of Solomon 2: 11-12

There are many blessings,  
that each new Spring brings  
you can see it bloom about  
and hear the song it sings.

With winters bleakness over,  
and brighter days ahead  
comes promises of new life  
Springtime loves to spread.

As God unfolds the flowers,  
and their buds begin to show  
He gives to us the assurance  
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acts of service or benevolence. Please feel  
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