

a sermon for July 4th from II CORINTHIANS 3:17:
ON THE NATURE OF TRUE LIBERTY

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I. A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray in the words of President George Washington from his “National Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1795: Almighty GOD, to Thee we “...render sincere and hearty thanks... for the manifold... mercies which distinguish our lot as a nation; particularly for the possession of constitutions of government which unite and, by their union, establish liberty with order; for the preservation of our peace, foreign and domestic; ...for the prosperous condition of our affairs, public and private,”¹

“and at the same time humbly and fervently beseech [Thee,] The Kind Author of these blessings, graciously to prolong them to us; to imprint on our hearts a deep and solemn sense of our obligations to... [Thee, O LORD,] for them; to teach us rightly to estimate their immense value; to preserve us from the arrogance of prosperity, and from hazarding the advantages we enjoy by delusive pursuits,”²

“to dispose us to merit the continuance of... [Thy] favors by not abusing them, by our gratitude for them, and by a corresponding conduct as citizens and as men to render this country more and more a safe and propitious asylum for the unfortunate of other countries; to extend among us true and useful knowledge; to diffuse and establish habits of sobriety, order, and morality and piety, and finally to impart all the blessings we possess or ask for ourselves to the whole family of mankind.”³ These things we beg for the sake of CHRIST our Lord. AMEN.

II. A PROPOSITION

The false liberty offered by the world, the flesh and the devil imprison and oppress man in sin, suffering and death. But The True Liberty offered by The Lord JESUS CHRIST sets free and delivers man into righteousness, peace and eternal life!

¹ 1, America’s GOD and Country, “National Thanksgiving Proclamation,” President George Washington, on January 1, 1705, paragraph 1-2, p 656.

² 1, America’s GOD and Country, “National Thanksgiving Proclamation,” President George Washington, on January 1, 1705, paragraph 3-5, p 656.

III. A SCRIPTURE - II CORINTHIANS 3:17 – TRUE LIBERTY IS IN THE LORD
“Now The Lord is That Spirit: and where The Spirit of The Lord is, there is liberty!”⁴

V. INTRODUCTION – THE QUEST FOR LIBERTY

On this Fourth of July celebration here in America, we should rightfully ask what it is we are celebrating. The answer to that question has called many citizens of this nation to shed their blood to preserve it. The answer to that question has called upon many more to sacrifice so much of their lives to keep it. And the answer to that question will surely determine the rise or fall of this people in their quest to rediscover it.

What then is the nature of true liberty? Where is true liberty to be found? And how may we take hold of true liberty and keep it? Moses writes of it in LEVITICUS 25:10, “And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family!”⁵ And Saint Paul also writes of it in II CORINTHIANS 3:17, “Now The Lord is That Spirit: and where The Spirit of The Lord is, there is liberty!”⁶

V. THE AMERICAN LIBERTY BELL

My friends, what is the nature of true liberty? The Liberty Bell is enshrined in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as a cherished relic of America's founding history. It was so named as it was rung on July 8, 1776 AD, to call the people to assemble to hear the first public reading of the American Declaration of Independence that was signed by the 3rd Continental Congress on July 4, 1776 AD.⁷

When the Bell was first cast in 1751 AD by order of the then Pennsylvania Colonial House Assembly, it ordered the Bible verse LEVITICUS 25:10 to be inscribed upon it. This was to celebrate 50 years of Christian religious and civil liberty in the

³ 1, America's GOD and Country, “National Thanksgiving Proclamation,” President George Washington, on January 1, 1705, paragraph 6-7, p 656.

⁴ 2, KJV, II CORINTHIANS 3:17.

⁵ 2, KJV, LEVITICUS 25:10.

⁶ 2, KJV, II CORINTHIANS 3:17.

English colony of Pennsylvania, which was first granted a royal charter in 1701 by the King of England to William Penn.⁸

That inspiration reads, "Proclaim liberty through all the land and to the inhabitants thereof. (Leviticus XXV.10)." ⁹ This is taken directly from the command by GOD to ancient Israel as recorded in The Torah to release all those who were in physical bondage of indebted servitude and slavery every fifty years. This was the proclaiming of physical liberty among that ancient Covenant Nation of The LORD.

And so Moses the man of GOD wrote in LEVITICUS 25:8-10, "And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family!" ¹⁰

VI. WHAT IS TRUE LIBERTY AND UPON WHAT IS IT BASED?

But what is "liberty?" Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary lists at least 10 definitions of "liberty:" There is physical liberty; liberty of action; civil liberty; political liberty; liberty of the free will; liberty of privileges and permission; liberty of free speech; liberty from confinement; liberty of a free press." The definition that concerns us the most - and upon which all other liberties are secured - is "religious liberty." ¹¹ Webster defines "religious liberty" as "the free right of adopting and enjoying opinions on religious

⁷ 1, America's GOD and Country, "Liberty Bell," p 369-370.

⁸ 1, America's GOD and Country, "Liberty Bell," p 369-370.

⁹ 1, America's GOD and Country, "Liberty Bell," p 369-370.

¹⁰ 2, KJV, LEVITICUS 25:8-10.

¹¹ 3, Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary, "Liberty," definitions 1-10, p LIB-LIB to LIB LIC.

subjects, and worshipping The Supreme Being according to the dictates of conscience, without external control." ¹²

Why focus, of all these kinds of liberty, on religious liberty? President George Washington provides the answer in his 1796 Farewell Speech: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens" to GOD and to one another! ¹³

And make no mistake, ladies and gentlemen, that Washington spoke only of Christianity when he spoke of "Religion!" For all others to him, his fellow American Founding Fathers and citizens were mere false religious systems! So he continues, "And let us with caution indulge the supposition, that morality can be maintained without Religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principles." ¹⁴

Friends, nations arise and fall. As America has arisen, so someday we can expect America to fall - if not in name and being, then at least in fact and form. Our trust for true liberty is not to be found in the tenants and monuments of any earthly kingdom, no matter how noble they may appear to be. For a nation that rejects the liberty found in The Creator and His Laws shall be rejected by The Creator Himself. At the American Constitutional Convention in 1787 AD, the American Founding Father George Mason made this observation on the universal fate of nations that casts aside that true liberty found only in The Almighty: "...As nations cannot be rewarded or punished in the next world, they must be in this. By an inevitable chain of causes and effects, Providence

¹² 3, Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary, "Liberty," definition 5. "Religious Liberty," p LIB-LIC.

¹³ 1, America's GOD and Country, George Washington, "Presidential Farewell Speech of 1796," paragraph 3-4, p 661.

¹⁴ 1, America's GOD and Country, George Washington, "Presidential Farewell Speech of 1796," paragraph 7-8, p 661.

punishes national sins by national calamities.”¹⁵

If we desire to live in a police state, where by necessity men’s wickedness must be restrained by force and threat of force from without because they have lost the restraint of Christian “religious principles from within,” then we are well on our way to creating our own hell on earth in this once moral and prosperous land that our external enemies could never have inflicted upon us!

Indeed, America’s prisons and criminal justice system are full to overflowing. The welfare system breeds armies of indolent, violent illegitimates. The government schools corrupt the children with atheism and communism. The sodomites parade openly throughout the land. Women are abused, children are abandoned, men become useless predators and the unborn are slaughtered by the millions. The Churches are increasingly corrupt and deserted and the false gods of worldly riches and pleasures reign supreme 24/7. And were it not for a policeman on every corner, all public order and security would be lost, as indeed in no doubt will soon be!

But if we desire true liberty, which is secured only in The Almighty and His Ways upon men, then we should heed Washington’s further advice: “Tis substantially true, that virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government. The rule indeed extends to every species of Free Government. Who that is a sincere friend to it, can look with indifference upon attempts to shake the foundation of this fabric [that is Religion and morality]?”¹⁶ An ungodly, immoral and violent people are not capable of exercising a civilized will through a Free Government, but demand and receive the enslavement of an all-powerful overseer dictatorship. Indeed, they clamor for and refuse to accept any less!

But Washington advised the contrary, closing with this advise to his posterity: “Observe good faith and justice towards all Nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with

¹⁵ 1, America’s GOD and Country, George Mason, comments on national accountability at American Constitutional Convention, August 22, 1787 AD, p 423.

¹⁶ 1, America’s GOD and Country, George Washington, “Presidential Farewell Speech of 1796,” paragraph 9-10, p 661.

all. Religion and Morality enjoin this conduct; and can it be that good policy does not equally enjoin it? Can it be that Providence has not connected the permanent felicity [or happiness] of a Nation with its virtue?"¹⁷ Beware America, for GOD's blessing and protection upon a people can never rest upon them when they are in open defiance to His Divine Word and Law! Let us then resort to The Holy Scriptures, where we may find these precious jewels of true Religion and morality, of which Washington speaks so passionately!

VII. GOD KNOWS ALL OUR SINS

First, GOD knows all our sins. Moses the friend of GOD declares in PSALM 90:8 declares, "Thou [O LORD] hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy Countenance!"¹⁸ As Spurgeon observes, "GOD needs no other light to discern our sins by but the light of His own face. It pierceth through the darkest places; the brightness thereof enlighteneth all things, discovers all things. So that the sins that are committed in the deepest darkness are all one to Him, as if they were done in the face of the sun!"¹⁹

There is no word, thought or deed that is hidden from The Almighty. As Moses discerned this, so should we, and be convicted! For all that we do, think and say – whether for good or for evil – are done, as it were before the very face of GOD, "...that shines more, and from which proceeds more light than from the face of the sun! So that this ought to make us the more fearful to offend; He sees us when we see not Him, and the light of His countenance shines about us when we think ourselves hidden in darkness!"²⁰

¹⁷ 1, America's GOD and Country, George Washington, "Presidential Farewell Speech of 1796," paragraph 11, p 661.

¹⁸ 2, KJV, PSALM 90:8.

¹⁹ 4, Spurgeon, Treasury of David, Volume 2, PSALM 90, Verse 8, paragraph 1, p 73.

²⁰ 4, Spurgeon, Treasury of David, Volume 2, PSALM 90, Verse 8, paragraph 1, p 73.

VIII. SIN BRINGS DEATH

Second, sin brings death. The prophet Ezekiel declares in EZEKIEL 18:4 tells us, “Behold, [says The LORD] all souls are Mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die!”²¹ As Jamieson et al observe, The Almighty is The Creator of and over all men, from generation to generation, from the fathers to the sons. GOD is neither partial against nor towards one generation to another, but judges the souls of all men individually before His mighty throne, “...according to men's works, ...so as to punish some, and to save others.”²²

And though “...there is a natural tendency in the child to follow the sin of his father, and so he shares in the father's punishment [in this life],” still GOD is just, meeting the soul of every man face to face on his day of judgement. “Whatever penalties fall on communities for connection with sins of their fathers, individual adults who repent shall escape...” Even so, if a man dies in his sin, and has not repented at The Cross of CHRIST, “the soul that sinneth, it shall die!”²³

IX. ALL MEN ARE SINNERS IN THE SIGHT OF GOD

Third, all men are sinners in the sight of GOD. Let us note the words of Saint Paul in ROMANS 3:23, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of GOD!”²⁴ Scofield observes that fallen man is all sin in a threefold way: in our actions, “the violation of, or want of obedience to the revealed will of GOD; in our unredeemed state of being, “the absence of righteousness;” in our very nature, “enmity toward GOD.”²⁵ But if man apart from GOD is so corrupt and full of evil, where is his help, his hope and his salvation? It rests in only one place, at The blessed Cross of our Lord JESUS CHRIST!

²¹ 2, KJV, EZEKIEL 18:4.

²² 5, Jamieson, Fausset and Brown, Commentary Critical and Explanatory, EZEKIEL 18:4. <http://bible.crosswalk.com/Commentaries/JamiesonFaussetBrown/jfb.cgi?book=eze&chapter=018>

²³ 5, Jamieson, Fausset and Brown, Commentary Critical and Explanatory, EZEKIEL 18:4. <http://bible.crosswalk.com/Commentaries/JamiesonFaussetBrown/jfb.cgi?book=eze&chapter=018>

²⁴ 2, KJV, ROMANS 3:23.

²⁵ 6, Scofield King James Version Bible, ROMANS 3:23, p 1194.

For though “sin originated with Satan..., entered the world through Adam [and] was, and is, universal,” our cure is in The Saviour, The CHRIST, Who alone is without sin.”²⁶ But as Saint Peter declares in I PETER 2:21-22, “...CHRIST also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth!”²⁷ The terrible truth is that our sin “incurs the penalties of spiritual and physical death” upon our heads! But thanks be to GOD, there is a remedy provided for man to be reconciled back to our Father in Heaven and to live under His loving Presence both in this life and in the next, which is “the sacrificial death of CHRIST,” which is for us “availed of by faith!”²⁸

X. WE ARE SAVED ONLY BY GRACE IN JESUS CHRIST

Fourth, we are saved only by Grace in JESUS CHRIST. As Saint Paul also declares to us in ROMANS 3:21-22, “But now The Righteousness of GOD without The Law is manifested, being witnessed by The Law and the prophets; Even The Righteousness of GOD Which is by faith of JESUS CHRIST unto all and upon all them that believe...!”²⁹ The Saviour covers the sinful soul of the saints with His perfect righteousness, imputing this to the souls of the redeemed! For “the believer in CHRIST is now, by Grace, shrouded under so complete and blessed a righteousness that The Law from Mount Sinai can find neither fault nor diminution therein. This is that which is [rightly] called the righteousness of GOD by faith!”³⁰

XI. TRUE LIBERTY IS FOUND ONLY AT THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST

Fifth, men may find true and lasting liberty that will not fade away only at The Cross of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. Only those that are saved in our Lord JESUS CHRIST overcome the evils of this world. Hear the words of Saint John in I JOHN 5:4-5, “For whatsoever is born of GOD overcometh the world: and this is the victory that

²⁶ 6, Scofield King James Version Bible, ROMANS 3:23, p 1194.

²⁷ 2, KJV, I PETER 2:21-22.

²⁸ 6, Scofield King James Version Bible, ROMANS 3:23, p 1194.

²⁹ 2, KJV, ROMANS 3:21-22.

³⁰ 6, Scofield King James Version Bible, ROMANS 3:21-22, p 1194.

overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that JESUS is The Son of GOD?”³¹

He who overcomes the trials, temptations and evil of the world, the flesh and the devil is he whose soul is vouchesafe in CHRIST JESUS our Lord, and no other! And how, but by faith in GOD! As Jamieson et al observe, “For it is by believing: that we are made one with JESUS The Son of GOD, so that we partake of His victory over the world, and have dwelling in us One greater than he who is in the world...” Go to now, and if you can, as Episcopiuss says, “Survey the whole world, and show me even one of whom it can be affirmed with truth that he overcomes the world, who is not a Christian, and endowed with this faith” in The Messiah JESUS The CHRIST!³²

XII. ONLY THOSE SAVED IN CHRIST RECEIVE THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

Sixth, only those that are saved in our Lord JESUS CHRIST receive the gift of eternal life through GOD's grace, which is tried in the fires of life, that it may be strengthened and purified. What does Saint Peter reveal to us in I PETER 1:7-9? “That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of JESUS CHRIST. Whom having not seen, ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory; Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls!”³³

And what is the purpose of The Almighty, that His people be tried in the fires of affliction, even though they are His? It is this, as Matthew Henry says, that on the day which we stand before the judgement seat of CHRIST, our having overcome them in Him “... will be found unto praise, honour, and glory” of our souls! For “GOD's design in afflicting His people is their probation, not their destruction; their advantage, not their

³¹ 2, KJV, I JOHN 5:4-5.

³² 5, Jamieson, Fausset and Brown, Commentary Critical and Explanatory, I JOHN 5:5.
<http://bible.crosswalk.com/Commentaries/JamiesonFaussetBrown/jfb.cgi?book=1jo&chapter=005>

³³ 2, KJV, I PETER 1:7-9.

ruin: ...This trial is made upon faith principally, rather than any other grace, because the trial of this is... [the weighing in the balances] of all that is good in us. Our Christianity depends upon our faith; if this be wanting, there is nothing else that is spiritually good in us!”³⁴ And having stood firm, by His Grace, it shall be our eternal joy, when our salvation in CHRIST brings us into His Eternal Kingdom Above!

XIII. WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, ONLY THERE IS TRUE LIBERTY

Seventh, only where The Spirit of The Lord is will be found true and lasting liberty, Who is The Spirit of CHRIST Himself. And here we arrive back at The Scripture verse we first sited together today. Saint Paul records this truth in II CORINTHIANS 3:17, “Now The Lord is That Spirit: and where The Spirit of The Lord is, there is liberty!”³⁵ While ancient Israel had only, as John Wesley explains, “...a dim, wavering sight” of The LORD.³⁶ Their understanding of The Almighty was covered as it were with a veil by their ignorance and sin, so that they knew of GOD, but not as Moses did, as the very friend of GOD who spoke with The Creator of The Universe “face to face.”³⁷

But for those who confess and believe in JESUS CHRIST, The Son of GOD, the separation between them and GOD – sin – is taken away! So Saint Paul declares in the verse just before this of the heart that understands CHRIST in the reading of The Law of Moses in II CORINTHIANS 3:15-16: “But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart [who see not that JESUS is The CHRIST]. Nevertheless, when... [men’s hearts] shall turn to The Lord, the veil shall be taken away!” For “at that very moment, we “...see, with the utmost clearness, how all the types and prophecies of The Law are fully accomplished in Him!”³⁸

³⁴ 7, Matthew Henry Commentary, I PETER 1, Verses 6-9, v. 7.

<http://bible.crosswalk.com/Commentaries/MatthewHenryComplete/mhc-com.cgi?book=1pe&chapter=001>

³⁵ 2, KJV, II CORINTHIANS 3:17.

³⁶ 8, John Wesley’s Explanatory Notes, II CORINTHIANS 3:13.

<http://bible.crosswalk.com/Commentaries/WesleysExplanatoryNotes/wes.cgi?book=2co&chapter=003>

³⁷ 2, KJV, EXODUS 33:11.

³⁸ 8, John Wesley’s Explanatory Notes, II CORINTHIANS 3:16.

<http://bible.crosswalk.com/Commentaries/WesleysExplanatoryNotes/wes.cgi?book=2co&chapter=003>

It is CHRIST Himself Who is “that Spirit of The Law” of which Saint Paul speaks here, Who removes the veil which separates men from GOD! And where His Spirit dwells, there is perfect liberty for man – not as the world, the flesh or the devil would sell us – but that perfect, complete and everlasting liberty of life and soul which endures forever in both this world and the next! There at The blessed Cross of our Lord is “liberty from servile fear, liberty from the guilt and from the power of sin, liberty to behold with open face the glory of the Lord!”³⁹

Recall that Moses had asked of The LORD in EXODUS 33:18, “...I beseech Thee, shew me Thy Glory.”⁴⁰ GOD replied to him, “I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim The Name of The LORD before thee...”⁴¹ So The Glory of The LORD passed by Moses, and GOD veiled His Glory from Moses with His hand, hiding Moses in “a cliff of the rock.”⁴² Even though “...The LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend,”⁴³ even he was not permitted or able to behold the fully Glory of The Almighty as a mere man.

So when Aaron and the children of Israel next saw Moses, it is recorded in EDXODUS 34:30, having again been in The Presence of The Almighty, “...behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.”⁴⁴ This necessitated that, for the benefit of the Israelites, Moses place a veil over his face.⁴⁵ That encounter with The Almighty “...rendered his face so bright, that he covered it with a veil; Israel not being able to bear the reflected light. We behold His glory in the glass of His Word, and our faces shine too; yet we veil them not, but diffuse the lustre which is continually

³⁹ 8, John Wesley’s Explanatory Notes, II CORINTHIANS 3:17.

<http://bible.crosswalk.com/Commentaries/WesleysExplanatoryNotes/wes.cgi?book=2co&chapter=003>

⁴⁰ 2, KJV, EXODUS 33:18.

⁴¹ 2, KJV EXODUS 33:19.

⁴² 2, KJV, EXODUS 33:22-23.

⁴³ 2, KJV, EXODUS 33:11a.

⁴⁴ 2, KJV, EXODUS 34:30.

⁴⁵ 2, KJV, EXODUS 34:35.

increasing, as we fix the eye[s] of our... [hearts] more and more steadfastly on His Glory displayed in The Gospel!”⁴⁶ For there alone at The Cross of CHRIST is True Liberty!

The Glory of The Name of The LORD is, as He proclaimed to Moses, “...The LORD, The LORD GOD, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.”⁴⁷ The true Liberty found in our Lord by The Spirit of CHRIST in us draws us to Him and remakes us into His perfect, holy and loving Image – into The Likeness of His very Glory! So Saint Paul concludes this chapter in II CORINTHIANS 3:18: “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of The Lord, are changed into The same Image from glory to glory, even as by The Spirit of The Lord!”⁴⁸

XIV. IN CONCLUSION

My friends, the blessings of salvation through our Lord JESUS CHRIST are the true liberties of GOD that will not fade with time into the sands of human civilization! For upon this true Christian liberty all other liberties are secured! Let then true liberty ring out throughout this land once again, which is only the everlasting the liberty of salvation in The Saviour JESUS CHRIST! Only a people called to holiness by GOD The Father, redeemed by GOD The Son and remade by GOD The Spirit are capable of living in a free society.

For if we return unto The LORD, and retake hold of true Religion and morality, we may dispose of the oppressive police state. For then men would once again govern and restrain their hand from within! The prisons and criminal justice system would be sparsely populated again. The government schools would again educate and not indoctrinate, teaching The Truths of GOD’s handiwork and man’s duty to Him and one another. The sodomites would retreat in shame back into their bitter darkness of disgrace.

⁴⁶ 8, John Wesley’s Explanatory Notes, II CORINTHIANS 3:18.

<http://bible.crosswalk.com/Commentaries/WesleysExplanatoryNotes/wes.cgi?book=2co&chapter=003>

⁴⁷ 2, KJV, EXODUS 34:6.

⁴⁸ 2, KJV, II CORINTHIANS 3:18.

Women would be secure and children provided for within the sacred bonds of holy matrimony. Men would again be responsible husbands, fathers, breadwinners and citizens. And the unborn would be secure in their mothers' wombs. The Churches would again become pure and filled every Sunday Sabbath Day. The false gods of worldly wealth and pleasures would be cast down from out of the midst of a GOD-fearing and CHRIST-living people. Public order and security would be restored, and no more would we require a policeman on every corner!

Let us then cry out to The Eternal Throne of Grace, O GOD The Father, give us the liberty of being preserved by Your blessings and protection in this life! O LORD, give us the liberty of being delivered from Your righteous judgment upon us for our sins! O GOD The Son, give us the liberty of being rescued from eternal damnation! O GOD The Holy Ghost, give us the liberty of being Your sons and daughters in this life and for all eternity in Heaven! O Lord, show us and make us like Your Glory, "...merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth!"⁴⁹

As we have seen, the false liberty offered by the world, the flesh and the devil imprison and oppress man in sin, suffering and death. But The True Liberty offered by The Lord JESUS CHRIST sets free and delivers man into righteousness, peace and eternal life! For truly this is why it is written in II CORINTHIANS 3:17, "Where The Spirit of The Lord is, there is liberty!"⁵⁰ In The Name of The Father, and of The Son, and of the Holy Spirit, AMEN!

⁴⁹ 2, KJV, EXODUS 34:6.

⁵⁰ 2, KJV, II CORINTHIANS 3:17.

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