Your Freedom!

Text: **2 Corinthians 3:14** But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. ¹⁵ But <u>even unto this day, when Moses is</u> read, the vail is upon their heart. ¹⁶ Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 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.

Introduction: When the new law of life in Jesus Christ was enacted all of the freedom and grace associated with God's promises were immediately ours. But, if there is a delay in hearing and enforcing the New Law, as in Juneteenth, people were still held in bondage.

Today we will share the Holy Spirit's role in enforcing our Freedom.

- 1. Hear, "Your Freedom!"
- 2. The Holy Spirit enforces, "Your Freedom!"
- 3. Receive, "Your Freedom!"
- 4. Share, "Your Freedom!"

1. Hearing, "Your Freedom!" 1776 <u>Declaration</u> of Independence – Freedom had to be declared! But there still were loyalists to the British Flag. Just like today there are sin conscious believers still declaring the Law.

• Faith comes by hearing

Romans 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?---Romans 10:17 So then <u>faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word (Rhema) of God</u>. ¹⁸ But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

• Build strong fellowship around all of God's Promises!

2 Corinthians 1:19 For <u>the Son of God</u>, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea. ²⁰ For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

2. The Holy Spirit enforces, "Your Freedom!"

• Born Again by the Holy Spirit

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and <u>that which is born of the</u> <u>Spirit is spirit.</u>

• Baptized by the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but <u>ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost</u> not many days hence. ----⁸ But <u>ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you</u>: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

• Jesus the Son of God with Holy Spirit's POWER!

Romans 1:4 And <u>declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the</u> <u>resurrection from the dead:</u> ⁵ By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

• His enforcer, the Holy Spirit, brings Freedom and ChangePG

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.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.

3. Receive, "Your Freedom!"

• Receive Jesus and the Holy Spirit

John 1:12 But <u>as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God,</u> even to them that believe on his name: ¹³ Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Acts 8:17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

• Boldness by the Holy Spirit

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and <u>they</u> were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

4. Share, "Your Freedom!"

• Be His witness

Acts 1:8 But <u>ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you</u>: <u>and ye shall be witnesses unto</u> <u>me</u> both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

• You have Gifts of the Holy Spirit, give Him out

1 Corinthians 12:7 Amp. But <u>to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit</u> [the spiritual illumination and the enabling of the Holy Spirit] for the common good.

• The Holy Spirit pours out of you

John 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. ³⁸ <u>He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow</u> rivers of living water. ³⁹ (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

• You are salt and light let everyone know of His Life within

Matthew 5:13-16 (NLT): <u>"You are the salt of the earth.</u> But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. <u>You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.</u> No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, <u>let your good deeds</u> shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

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Count everything a blessing from the Lord and give

Deuteronomy 16:17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.

2 Corinthians 9:6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. ⁷ Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: