

Freedom in Jesus **Acts 16:16-40**

Main Point:

Jesus sets free the captive slaves of Satan; therefore, find your freedom in Him and live like one who has been freed.

1. Jesus sets free the captive slaves of Satan.
2. The enemy tries to stop this from happening, but Jesus always wins.
3. When Jesus sets you free, He changes the character of your life.
4. When Jesus sets you free, the gospel becomes very important to you.
5. Find your freedom in Jesus and live like one who has been freed.

Derek Thomas “Satan will declare a hundred things that are true in order to dupe you with a hundred-and-first thing that is not.”

Dennis Johnson “Jesus’ name functioned not as a magic incantation but as divine revelation, expressing Paul’s dependence on his Lord’s power to save and calling the girl and the bystanders to faith ...”

2 Timothy 2:24-26 ²⁴ And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, ²⁵ in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, ²⁶ and *that* they may come to their senses and *escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will. (NKJV)

Colossians 1:13-14 ¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. (NKJV)

Dennis Johnson “Hiding the greed that was their real motive, they appealed to civic pride and anti-Semitic prejudice to win over the magistrates and the gathering mob ...”

Derek Thomas “The powers of hell were let loose. One of Satan’s emissaries had been stripped of power, and he was angry!”

Matthew 16:18 ¹⁸ “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (NKJV)

Romans 13:12-14 ¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts. (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 5:17 ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (NKJV)

Dennis Johnson “As Lydia’s faith moved her to offer immediate hospitality, the jailer’s faith alerted him to the cruel indifference with which he had earlier processed these prisoners.”

John Gill “For he considered, that should he and his companion go out of the prison in such a private manner, it might be taken for granted, that they had been guilty of some notorious offence, and had justly suffered the punishment of the law for it, which would have been a reproach to Christianity, and a scandal to the Gospel.”

R. Kent Hughes “He refused to be dealt with summarily because he did not want the idea that he and Silas were lawbreakers to stand. A public escort from jail by the ruling magistrates would publish their innocence, and that would bring protection to Lydia and her house church as well.”

1 Peter 2:16 ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. (ESV)