A Taste of Freedom



- 1. Everybody wants freedom of some kind... political, religious, cultural, physical or spiritual. Surfers love the freedom of the wave, mountain climbers thrill to reach the summit, an activist glories in the victory of winning freedom for some cause, but most people just want to be free in heart.
- 2. Then there is the freedom through alcohol and drugs that gives you a temporal high, to escape reality or just to enjoy the freedom it gives for a while. There are all kinds of freedom that some people are willing to die for, such as political and

economic freedoms, and some enjoy the freedom in nature, camping, fishing and hiking

3. But the greatest freedom is of the soul, to be free inside, free of hangups, fear, shyness and worry of what others think, freedom from the shackles of society.

Most people desire freedom of the heart, mind and soul more than anything else, and many seek it in religions, yoga, meditation, through philanthropy and all kinds of philosophies. All of these things may give you a feeling of freedom.

- 4. Alcohol and drugs are the easy way out. It's a shortcut that doesn't really make you free, it just alleviates the pain of living for awhile. Drugs and drink do not get you there, just temporary highs. So where is true freedom?
- 5. What an exhilaration it is when we first receive Jesus into our soul. We may not even think it is such a good thing; at first we may think that it's just another boring religion. We might have even tried it when younger, but had forgotten.
- 6. Jesus Christ is the key to freedom. Not a feeling in the body, not a temporary high, but a transformation of the heart and soul that takes you out of this world in the Spirit. Jesus Himself said it was like being born again, it is so drastic. You find total freedom with the Holy Spirit.

- 7. Jesus is like the Wine of the Spirit. When you take a good shot of God through His Word and by asking for the Holy Spirit, you receive a peace, a joy, a love that you may never have experienced, and sometimes is does feel like you are high... High on God, high on the Holy Ghost.
- 8. That's what being saved means; cleansed from sin that makes you so happy and full of the joy of the Lord, that it feels like you are high. And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:48)

Where the spirit of the Lord is there is Liberty. (2Corinthians 3:17)

Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free. (Galatians 5:1)

- 9. But you shall receive POWER after the Holy Ghost is come upon you... (Acts 1:8)
 Now when they saw the BOLDNESS of Peter and John and perceived that they were unlearned men, they marvelled and took note that they had been with Jesus. (Acts 4:12)
- 10. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us it is the POWER of God. (ICorinthians 1:18)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because <u>he hath</u> anointed me to preach the good news to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to give

deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bound. (Luke 4:18)

11. The Spirit of God sets you free from your hangups, from sin, from negativity, from fear of death, from Satan and his demons. It is a power that causes us to shine, be bold, and be free to live for His love. The Spirit of God deeply satisfies the soul, and is the only true freedom in this life. All of that and it is FREE. It only costs our pride, to ask Jesus for it.



12. If you would like to taste real freedom all you have to do is sincerely ask Jesus for it. It is a gift to all who ask and believe. Just believe that you receive it and you have it...eternal life. You will get freedom from all fear, worry, anxiety and to enjoy the amazing joy, real love and peace of mind in your heart.

13. Just say this prayer to the Lord.

Jesus forgive me for my sin and the things I've done to hurt others. I ask You to come into my life to become a new person, and I ask You for Your Holy Spirit.

If you say this sincerely, you are going to experience the love of God. You will know it is real. For He says, call to Me and I WILL answer you.

14. Then start reading the New Testament daily. Take a good strong drink of Jesus and His word everyday to stay close to Him and full of His Spirit. That is the only true freedom that lasts forever and can be renewed in power every day.

Take a 'drink' of 'Jesus' Wine', the Word of God, the Holy Spirit and you will be free. Drink Jesus.

