

# Freedom – Week 2– What is the Biblical view of Freedom?

Connect and review	Notes
<p>What did you learn from last week?            This week the objective is <b>to understand what the Bible says about freedom.</b></p>	
Inspire and engage	
<p>Freedom is not the right to do whatever we want! It is freeing us to do what we ought to do in finding a deeper relationship with God and being the kind of people He created us to be. Spiritual freedom is an “inside” freedom – the ability to obey God and choose His will for our lives.</p> <p>There are over 100 references to freedom in the New Testament and we will explore two here.</p> <p>Romans 8:2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christ has set us free, it is a free gift</li> <li>• Sin no longer needs to reign.</li> </ul> <p>Colossians 3:1-17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look upward not at situations and circumstances around</li> <li>• Personal responsibility – put off, put on</li> <li>• Available to all</li> <li>• Gives peace</li> <li>• Be thankful and full of praise for all God/Jesus has done for you.</li> </ul> <p>Sanctification is a word used to describe setting apart someone or something, to separate from, to become wholly used for God Himself. Although a word not used much today, it embodies the whole process of being set free in God. Believers are sanctified the moment they believe in Jesus - 1 Corinthians 1:2 and 6:11, but it is also progressive – 2 Peter 3:18;2 Corinthians 3:18.</p> <p>Take one of the passages listed and discuss why we need to be set apart, separate from the world to be free in Christ.</p>	
Explore and apply	
<p><b>Explore</b>            In small groups / pairs discuss:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Freedom is not the right to do what we want but the ability to do what we ought.</li> <li>2. Without Christ we are slaves to sin, unable to do what is right.</li> <li>3. Christ’s death on the cross set us free from the power and penalty of sin.</li> </ol> <p><b>Apply</b>            What do the following passages tell us about freedom in Christ?            Galatians 6:4; 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 8:36; Ephesians 4:22-32.</p>	
Reflect and review	
<p><i>Personal reflection:</i>            Has my view of freedom in Christ changed after this session?</p> <p><i>Suggested activity:</i>            Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal things I might need to do to gain more freedom and seek His help with changing them.</p>	