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An Exposition of the Meanings and Differences of  
our Freedoms

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## Spiritual Freedom

We are to use the word freedom in the following ways, since each meaning is different. Examples of **different** usages:

- **Spiritual Freedom:** God gives us **freedom** that we may obey His Law.
- **Natural Freedom:** We are born with the freedom to do certain things that no law can forbid.
- **Civil Freedom:** The Constitution guarantees us freedom within the just rule of Law.

In a sentence, each of the **freedoms** can be used in the following ways. Even though we are born with the **freedom** to say what we want, we do not have the **freedom** to slander anyone, neither does the freedom that God gives to us permits us to do such.

- (1) To understand what is Spiritual Freedom, we first need to understand that unconverted people are slaves to sin. Jn: 8: 34. Rom: 6:17, 20.
- (2) This means that we can do no righteous act, we **cannot** obey God's Law without Faith. Heb: 11: 6. Rom: 14: 23.
- (3) Without Jesus Christ we can do **nothing** spiritual. Jn: 15: 4, 5.
- (4) Because, with the "carnal mind" or the "thoughts of the flesh" we are not subject to God's Law. Rom: 8: 6-8.
- (5) **Error** or **darkness** blinds us so that we cannot live the exact way we should. Jn: 12: 35. 1Jn: 2:9, 11.
- (6) Thus **error** or **darkness** makes us **slaves** to sin. Matt: 6: 23. Jn: 3: 19. Eph: 5: 11.
- (7) With **idol-values** reigning in the consciousness we are **mad** upon these idols, thus we are not **free** from sin and we are unable to live holy. ( Eze: 14: 3, 4. Jer: 50: 38.

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- (8) The freedom we thus need is **Spiritual Freedom**. 1Pet: 2: 16. Gal: 5: 1.
- (9) This freedom **Jesus alone** gives to us. Jn: 8: 36.
- (10) He uses the truth to make us free. Jn: 8: 32.
- (11) Faith is the revealed truths of God's word. Rom: 10: 8. 1Tim: 4: 6.
- (12) Faith enlightens us as to the real, unseen, **spiritual** things. ( Heb: 11: 1, 27. 1Cor: 2: 13.)
- (13) Faith thus makes us clearly understand the **difference** between Life and death so we can exercise **free** choice. Josh: 24: 14, 15. Deut: 30: 19. Isa: 7: 15.
- (14) When we repent and believe, God imputes or gives Faith to us, thus we can now have its Righteousness. (Mark: 1: 14, 15. Acts: 13: 39. Rom: 4: 5, 11.)
- (15) Thus by slaying the old man of idol-values, and giving to us the Holy Spirit within, we are made **free** from sin. (Rom: 6: 6, 7. Gal: 3: 7-9, 14.)
- (16) Having now made us **free** from sin, we are now slaves of righteousness, that is, we are spontaneously, from God, are enabled to do good works. Rom: 6: 18, 22.
- (17) This is the Spiritual Freedom (or liberty) that God gives to us and in which we are to stand. Gal: 5: 1.
- (18) Thus Spiritual Freedom can best be explained as: Faith motivates obedience to God's Law, which comes from conversion. (Jn: 8: 32. Isa: 53: 11. Rom:3: 31)

## Natural Freedom

**Natural Freedom** is certain abilities we were born with that only death can take away.

They are as follows:

- **Freedom of Thought:** All men have the natural in-born ability to think no matter how little the thoughts may be.
- **Freedom of Belief:** All men have the ability to believe whatever they want, whether it is truth or error.
- **Freedom of Speech:** All men are born with the ability to speak or to express themselves, though their words or forms of expression may be wrong and can

cause trouble.

- **Freedom of Movement:** All men are born with the ability to move and pursue what they want to, even though they may go places they are not suppose to.

**Natural Freedom** is therefore our personal freedoms which we can all exercise as created human beings.

Concerning **Natural Freedom**, two are hidden and two are public. They are as follows:

**Hidden Freedoms:**

- Thought
- Belief

**Public Freedoms**

- Speech
- Movement

## Civil Freedom

Civil Freedom is the freedoms guaranteed to all men under the rule of a constitution.

Such Civil Freedoms are as follows:

- **Freedom of Thought**
- **Freedom of Belief**
- **Freedom of Speech**
- **Freedom of Movement**

These freedoms being also **Natural Freedoms** are only guaranteed by a constitution, and are not *granted*.

Since two of the **Natural Freedoms** are public and can when they are exercised, adversely affect the **Rights, Freedoms, and Proivities** of others, they alone are therefore subject to certain limited, contained legislations.

These Freedoms are:

- **Freedom of Speech**
- **Freedom of Movement**

Freedom of Speech can only be subject to **restrictive** legislation in the following contexts:

- No **slander** of **people** is allowed
- No **obscene** language in **public** is allowed
- **Limited disclosure** of the details concerning a trial that is in progress for fear of perverting the course of justice.

Freedom of Movement, can only be subject to **restrictive** legislation in the following contexts:

- Restriction of movement by being confined to prison for some **crime**,
- Restriction of movement by being denied access to unwarranted entrance to **people's private properties**, or certain off-limits to **government businesses**, and other institutions. This is called trespassing when there is unwarranted entrance.
- Restriction of movement by a restraining order to hinder the possible committing of certain crimes.

Finally one may have the **Civil Freedom** or **Natural Freedom** to say or do certain things, but it is not allowed by God to be done under **Spiritual Freedom**, which forbids it. Matt: 12: 36, 37. Eccl: 12: 13, 14.

**Footnote**

All scriptures have been taken from the King James Version of the Bible.



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