

Proclaim Real Freedom!

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Introduction:

This past week we have celebrated Independence Day - when our ancestors declared freedom from the tyranny of George III of England. One event we participated in was called the Freedom Run at Bigfork. So this past week we have seen the emphasis on our freedoms and liberties.

Specific Purpose of this Message:

Today I want us to consider and see how the gospel message we have been commissioned to proclaim is a message of real freedom!

Need:

I believe that often we may have difficulty finding a way of sharing the gospel of the coming Kingdom of God in a manner that is relevant in our society. This past week emphasizes how much we as a nation are "into" freedom and liberty. However, when we as a nation or as individuals break God's law, we become prisoners of sin, and the misery and other consequences sin brings. The message of the Kingdom of God, the gospel is very much about freedom and liberty!

What message did Jesus bring?

Luke 4:16 NKJV - So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

Luke 4:17 NKJV - And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

Luke 4:18 NKJV - ***"The Spirit of the LORD [is] upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to [the] poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to [the] captives And recovery of sight to [the] blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;***

Luke 4:19 NKJV - ***To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."*** [From Isaiah 61:1-2]

Luke 4:20 NKJV - Then He closed the book, and gave [it] back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

Luke 4:21 NKJV - And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Other translations:

Luke 4:18 NIV - "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to **set** the oppressed **free**,

[ie set free the oppressed. Not just proclaim, but actually set them free!]

Luke 4:19 NIV - to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18 AMP - "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME (the Messiah), BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO ANNOUNCE RELEASE (pardon, forgiveness) TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF

SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED (downtrodden, bruised, crushed by tragedy),

Luke 4:19 AMP - TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD [the day when salvation and the favor of God abound greatly]."

From The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge, a cross reference tool in Blue Letter Bible:
The proclaiming of perfect liberty to the bound, and the year of acceptance with Jehovah, is a manifest allusion to the proclaiming of the year of the jubilee by sound of trumpet; and our Saviour, by applying this text to himself, plainly declares the typical design of that institution. Isa 42:7; Isa 49:9,24,25; Psa 102:20; Jer 34:8; Zec 9:11,12; Jhn 8:32-36; Act 26:18; Rom 6:16-22; Rom 7:23-25; 2Ti 2:25,26

Leviticus 25:10 NLT - Set this year apart as holy, **a time to proclaim freedom** throughout the land for all who live there. It will be a jubilee year for you, when each of you may return to the land that belonged to your ancestors and return to your own clan.

Isaiah 42:1 NASB20 - "Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one [in whom] My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; **He will bring forth justice to the nations.**

Isaiah 42:2 NASB20 - "He will not cry out nor raise [His voice,] Nor make His voice heard in the street.

Isaiah 42:3 NASB20 - "A bent reed He will not break [off] And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice.

Isaiah 42:4 NASB20 - "**He will not be disheartened or crushed Until He has established justice on the earth;** And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law."

Isaiah 42:5 NASB20 - This is what God the LORD says, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it And spirit to those who walk in it:

Isaiah 42:6 NASB20 - "I am the LORD, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations,

Isn't this what Jesus told us we need to do?

Matthew 5:14 NLT - "You are the light of the world--like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:15 NLT - 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.

Matthew 5:16 NLT - In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

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Matthew 5:19 NLT - So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God's laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

In Isaiah 61 the word anoint could also be translated consecrate = *to make or declare sacred*; set apart or dedicate to the service of a deity.

Isaiah 42:7 NASB20 - To open blind eyes, **To bring out prisoners from the dungeon And those who dwell in darkness from the prison.**

Isaiah 42:8 NASB20 - "I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, Nor My praise to idols.

Isaiah 42:9 NASB20 - "Behold, the former things have come to pass, Now I declare new things; Before they sprout I proclaim [them] to you."

Jesus came proclaiming the gospel, the good news of liberty and freedom. He wants us to also proclaim that gospel.

Mark 16:15 ESV - And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

Mark 16:16 ESV - Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Isaiah 59:20 NASB20 - "A Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those in Jacob who turn from wrongdoing," declares the LORD. [turn from = repent]

NIV: The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins," declares the LORD.

Isaiah 59:21 NASB20 - "As for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the LORD, "from now and forever."

We can share a message of freedom:

Psalms 102:20 NASB20 - To hear the groaning of the prisoner, To set free those who were doomed to death,

Acts 26:18 NASB20 - to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.'

Romans 6:16 NASB20 - Do you not know that [the one] to whom you present yourselves [as] slaves for obedience, you are slaves of [that same one] whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

Romans 6:17 NASB20 - But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to [that] form of teaching to which you were entrusted,

Romans 6:18 NASB20 - and after being **freed from sin**, you became slaves to righteousness.

Conclusion:

We have been given a message of real freedom and liberty to share! Let's proclaim that message to those we come in contact with as God gives us opportunity. And please pray that God WILL give us the opportunity to share the message of real freedom with others!

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So when you have the opportunity, proclaim the message of REAL Freedom!

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### Additional Resources:

UCG Article: The Spread of Freedom- Foretaste for the Entire World

<https://www.ucg.org/good-news/the-spread-of-freedom-foretaste-for-the-entire-world>

UCG MT Sermon and Notes - Freedom From Sin by Daniel Deininger

<https://ucg-mt.org/sermons/freedom-from-sin/>