

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Prepared & Eager

What is freedom?
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John 15:16 (Jesus)

*“You did not choose Me, but **I chose you** and appointed you **that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain**”*

Acts 1:8 (Jesus)

*“But you will receive power when **the Holy Spirit has come** on you, and you will be **My witnesses** in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

Philippians 1:6 & 2:13 (Paul)

*“And I am certain that **God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished** on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”*

*“For **God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power** to do what pleases Him.”*

Why would we not be?

- **Confident** in God
 - **Reliant on** the Holy Spirit
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John 15:16

*“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, **that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.**”*

What shall we ask for?

*In His name we can only ask for **what He asks for** for us.*
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*Have we asked Him **for freedom**?*

*If we **don’t** have it, **we can’t give it** to others*

*How do we become free – **how do we get it?***
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John 8:31-36 *

What is freedom?

*It’s the taste of **His fruit in us.***

Joy is love’s strength

Peace is love’s security

Patience is love’s endurance

Kindness is love’s conduct

Goodness is love’s character

Faithfulness is love’s confidence

Gentleness is love’s humility

Self-control is love’s victory

*Those **attributes of Christ in us**, by His Holy Spirit, **make us free.***

*And He makes us free **to freely give***
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What is freedom?

- **Being free** from **who we were** without Him
- **Being Free** to be **who He makes us to be**
- **Being free** to receive **who He is**
- **Being free** to freely give **what He freed us to receive**
- **Being free** to give **freedom to others**

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As we said last week – this is **not** what we do

It's **who we are!**

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How do we get this established in our lives?

Romans 12:2

“Let God transform you into a new person by **changing the way you think**. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

HOW do we establish **newness in our minds?**

(It won't drop on our head like a pinecone from a tree)

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Begin each day by **Thanking God for:**

- **Life**
- **Salvation**
- **Love**
- **Hope**
- **Faith**
- **Relationships**
- **Provision**
- **His devotion to us**
- **His promises yet to come**
- **Him, and who He IS**

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Put your mind on that footing for the day

Then – begin your requests

Ask Him to empower you (and us) to become more like Him **TODAY**

Ask Him to put you with people who need to see Jesus TODAY

Ask Him to make you/us aware of them

Ask Him how He wants you/us to **engage them**

Ask Him to fill ALL of you/us with ALL of Him TODAY

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We will never be robots or geese flying south

He chose us, and He calls us to then **choose Him EVERY DAY**

If we will walk into the day **WITH** all of that –

- We will be **prepared, thankful, willing and eager**
- To **give to others** what we have
- Because it was **given to us by Him**
- And we own it, **to use it like He does**

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SEEK Him!

1. To **RECEIVE** from Him
2. To receive and **APPLY**
3. To be **READY TO GIVE**
4. To be **REALLY Alive!**