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Freedom From Truth

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FREEDOM FROM TRUTH

INT: Title has dual meaning:

1. Freedom WITHOUT truth. *AN ABSENCE OF!*
 2. freedom FROM (IN) truth. *THRU TRUTH!*
- Points out CARE needed in BOTH speaking AND in listening!!! Mind play tricks.....

Couple of illustrations:

1. Ill. Sermon: 9-3-78. "As many as I love."

Dealing with sin. Said: "God does NOT hold a person accountable for a condition he cannot help." True! Then mentioned, "homosexuals, lesbians etc. CLAIM this condition. / Not so! JESUS can help man solve ANY problem!! New Birth says so!!! *Some blanked out! Did not listen to the rest of the thought-pattern. Took mind off to THINK about the unusual connection! Missed the TRUTH about it.*

2. Ill. *John 21:17-24.

Apostles practiced Selective-Perception or Pre-conceived-Cognition: Already ,had in mind what Jesus WAS going to say. Didn't. KNOW THESE listening faults possible, because I have been guilty of them a few times!
Human!!!!

BURDEN OF THIS MESSAGE: Freedom comes FROM or THROUGH truth. Freedom is NOT being WITHOUT truth. John 8:30-32.

Quote: Americans should want freedom OF religion, whereas too many of them want Freedom FROM religion.

Study:

TWO AREAS IN WHICH TRUTH IS SO VITAL:

Physical Life and Spiritual Life

I. TRUTH IS ESSENTIAL TO FREEDOM IN PHYSICAL LIFE.

A. Man is virtually a Hopless Slave to Cancer today!!!

Few years ago: (1958) 255,000 Americans died of cancer (recorded)

4,000 children. 118,000 women. 133,000 men.

B. In Bondage of FEAR because don't know the TRUTH of Cancer's CAUSE nor CURE...yet.

Medical

- C. TRUTH:(knowledge or information) has freed us from: Polio, Leprosy, bubonic plague, malaria, diphtheria, small pox and scarlet fever.
- D. IGNORANCE still enslaves us through Lukemia, Heart disease, muscular distroph Multiple-Sclorosis, sickle-cell anemia...

Basic truth of John 8:32 applies here.

TRUTH, INFORMATION, KNOWLEDGE:our hope!!!

II. TRUTH IS ESSENTIAL TO FREEDOM IN SPR. LIFE.

1. *John 1:17. There is freedom in Truth & Grace
2. *James 1:22-27. A Perfect Formulea for spiritual freedom. Believe, Be, Do.
3. *Gal. 5:1-18. Urges a due exercise of one's Christian freedom. Explain.....
4. Spiritual freedom in the Kingdom of God does NOT free us from the laws of Man (if they are righteous). * I Pet. 2:13-17.
Note: Poor order is better than total dis order.

Ill. John the Baptist was an imprisoned-free-man Also Paul! Herod & Nero in bondage to Satan
John & Paul free in Christ! Free within!!!

QUOTE: "Stone walls do not a prison make. Nor iron bar a cage. Minds, innocent and quiet take these for a hermitage. When I am FREE within my HEART, and in my SOUL am free. Angels alone that soar above....enjoy such liberty!!!!"

INV: In Fanual Hall in Boston is a large painting: Scene of the Webster-Hayne debate on Liberty. Inscription: "UNION & LIBERTY, one and inseparah NOW and FOREVER! "

Giant Spiritual Revival held there one time: Speaker turned to inscription & applied it to Christ. Said, "UNION & LIBERTY. Union with Christ and Liberty from Sin!"

Whole Bible written to teach THAT!

Matt. 11:28-30 (Change REST to FREEDOM)

Mk. 16:15-16.

Acts 8:22.

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