



We are a congregation of the Lord's people looking for you. We desire to love our community and neighbors as our Lord has taught us to do. Please allow us to be an encouragement to you as you are an encouragement to us by visiting with us today.

If you have any questions about anything you see or hear today, please stop someone and ask questions. We are seeking to be New Testament Christians, and as such we desire to share what we have been given. We want to be ready to give you an answer for what we do and say (1 Peter 3:15)

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*

Thank you for being our Guest today!

### How to measure the success of a Gospel Meeting...

We (many thanks to the "We team") were able to do some door knocking in our community this month in preparation for this meeting series this week and are grateful for the opportunity to meet so many of our neighbors as they visit with us. Please make sure every visitor feels the love of Christ while here this week.

If you are visiting with us today for the very first time, and from our community, THANK YOU for being with us today. Your presence has made our Gospel Meeting a success. We only wish to help and encourage you in your journey of faith and would love to get to know you better.

If you are one of our brothers and sisters from a nearby congregation of the Lord's people, we sincerely thank you for encouraging us with your presence. It is such a privilege to worship with you today. You are helping to make our efforts to glorify our God and lift up His Son in our community a success.

If you are one of our members, please know that your presence this week is such an encouragement to us all. We can not do this without you! We are mindful that it takes a lot of effort to support this meeting this week. We know life is busy and doesn't slow down for you to have more time to do the Lord's work in reaching out to our community, it is greatly appreciated that you are taking the time to assemble with your church family, to reach out to those who will visit and to build up a spiritual house holy and acceptable to the Lord. (1 Peter 2:5) Thank you for making our meeting successful in so doing.

Chris and Kelli Bolton



*Christian  
liberty is  
freedom  
from sin,  
not freedom  
to sin.*

*Aiden Wilson Tozer*

*If the SON  
sets you free,  
you are  
TRULY  
free!!!*

*John 8:36*

## True Liberation

### Raymond Elliott

We hear a great deal today about being liberated from various things such as moral standards, authorities, and various relationships. People are desirous of freedom, for better or for worse. Wars have been fought to free people from tyranny, slavery and oppression. Movements are begun to seek release from anything and everything that might restrain people too much. Even among religious circles, there are organizations and individuals that seek to rid themselves of any absolute and objective authority such as the Bible. We are also aware of movements among worldly minded people to reject any and all set rules of moral and ethical standards. Thus, you have the philosophies as 'Situation Ethics,' 'Existentialism' and 'The New Morality' to illustrate the point.

However, we speak presently of true liberation and the true 'Liberator,' Jesus Christ, who came to liberate (to set free, release) men and women from that terrible 'master' (Satan) and bondage (sin). The world has never known freedom, happiness and peace of mind as can be had and enjoyed in the Lord Jesus Christ. Mankind has sought freedom in earthly pleasures, doctrines of men and worldly wisdom; however, this type of seeking has been in vain. The Master Teacher and Freedom Fighter exclaimed to a group of Jews on one occasion that, ***"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"*** (John 8:31-32). Thus, the agency of release from the fetters of sin, sorrow, doubt, captivity and death is the Truth, the Word of God. Jesus also stated, ***"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed"*** (John 8:36).

Paul wrote in Romans 6:17-18, ***"But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."*** That form the Romans obeyed was the likeness of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, which are the basis of the Gospel of our Lord (1 Corinthians 15:1-3). They had died to sin in true repentance, were buried with the Lord in baptism and had been raised to ***"walk in newness of life"*** (Romans 6:1-6). This is the same manner in which people today can be set free from sin. The apostle Paul also wrote of being made free from the law of sin and death through Jesus Christ (Romans 8:1-2). Furthermore, in Galatians 5:1, Paul said, ***"For freedom did Christ set us free..."*** (KJV). Whether we speak of being free from the Law of Moses or from sin, the principle is the same. The truly liberated persons in this world are those individuals who have willingly surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ and have become servants to righteousness.

A word and a stone once let go cannot be recalled.

# The Bible

This book contains the mind of God, the state of men, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the ways of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the redemption of man its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be open in the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibilities, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

--Author Unknown



***“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”***

**Hebrews 4:12**

## This Week's Q&A

**Q: Where do we read of some of Solomon's proverbs being copied and added to the book of Proverbs some 270 years after his death?**

A: In Proverbs 25:1-3. The book of Proverbs originally consisted of the first 24 chapters. The proverbs contained in chapters 25-31 were discovered during the reign of King Hezekiah some 270 years after the death of Solomon. The men of Hezekiah who copied these proverbs were probably Isaiah, Hosea, and Micah. This word *copied* in verse 1 means to transfer from one place to another. Thus, these proverbs were added to the original 24 chapters. It was not uncommon for kings to discover things written previous to their reigns, and then make them known.

Defending your faults shows that you have no intention of quitting them.

# *The Bible*

*Gives light to those in darkness,  
And help to those in need,  
Gives comfort to those in sorrow  
And blessing to those who heed.*

*It is the Christian's compass  
His staff, his sword, and guide;  
And from all foes along his path  
Here he may safely hide.*

*O! soul awake, and on it stand  
Give heed to each command;  
That I may have an entrance in,  
To that celestial land.*

*--B.D.S.*

Many a man saves everything except his soul.

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someone  
who might  
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