

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. **Galatians 5:1**

## Store In My Heart

### Hosea 1:1

The word of the Lord which came to Hosea the son of Beer, during the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and during the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

In the last days of the northern kingdom of Israel God called Hosea to prophesy to the idolatrous nation.

God used Hosea to illustrate His love for Israel though they continually turned away from Him. Hosea's home life was directed by God as examples of the relationship between Him and Israel. The unfaithful wife of Hosea vividly illustrated the straying of Israel after idols rather than remaining faithful to God alone.

The continued refusal of Israel to seek God and serve Him only led to their destruction as a people. We should heed the warning lest we suffer such a fate for eternity.



# Where The Spirit Of The Lord Is

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The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians for the second time and said, *“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty”* (**2Corinthians 3:17**). Liberty or freedom is a wonderful thing. Liberty promised in this text is a liberty that can be experienced by anyone upon the face of the earth. It is not dependent upon the economy, the political standing in a country or state, who is or is not “in charge,” etc. This liberty comes from Christ and it ought to be pursued vigorously.

*“Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”* As we think about this statement, let us ask from what are we being liberated? What is Paul talking about? In the immediate context, the apostle Paul was saying that men now have freedom or liberty from the Law of Moses and what went with it. (See also: **Galatians 5:1-4**.) The apostle Peter called the Law of Moses a *“yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear”* (**Acts 15:10**). Therefore, through Christ, we have been granted freedom from this law that was once practiced by the Jews and their proselytes.

At the same time, the spirit of the Lord grants man liberty in many other areas of life. What are some things that are trying to enslave us today? Some things that are trying to enslave mankind include:

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## For Our Information

Phyllis Jackson is sedated and on the ventilator at 100% oxygen. This is allowing her body to rest.

Joyce Venable seems to be doing a little better.

Bill & Joyce's son, Jim is back home and doing better.

Bill Venable, John & Betty Ragsdale are worshiping at home this week.

Tonight we start in 1Samuel 18:10.

Wednesday at 7 pm in Galatians 6:1.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.



## Sin

**John 8:34** *Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin."*

**Romans 7:14** *For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.*

## Satan

**Romans 6:12** *Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.*

**Romans 6:16** *Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?*

## Self (the "old man" of sin)

**Ephesians 4:22** *to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,*

**Colossians 3:9-10** *Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.*

## False Teachers

**2Peter 2:19** *They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.*

I imagine we could think of other things which tend to enslave mankind, but these are enough to show us that it is Christ that grants us true freedom from the slavery of Satan. Jesus said, *"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed"* (**John 8:36**). We are made free when we obey the Lord's plan of salvation (**Romans 6:16-18**). Do you want freedom? True freedom comes through Christ and through no one else!

(This article is a good supplement to our study in Galatians on Wednesday evenings. If you are not attending that class you are missing an opportunity for strengthening in the Word. DLH)

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!