

“False Freedom”
“Grow in Grace and Knowledge” — Part 5
2 Peter 2:10-22

1. Faith is only as good as the object of faith.

These men are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them. For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error.

2 Peter 2:17-18

*springs without water
mists driven by a storm
They promise light but their end is darkness.
They prey on recent converts.*

2. You can't set someone free if you are in bondage yourself.

They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him. If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning.

2 Peter 2:19-20

Freedom does not mean "doing your own thing" or "having it your way." That attitude is the very essence of sin.

Freedom in the Bible means *enjoying fulfillment in the will of God. It means achieving your greatest potential to the glory of God.*

“Jesus Christ frees us to become our very best in this life, and then to be like Him in the next.”

Warren Weirsbe

3. Faith based on religious experience is not faith at all.

It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. Of them the proverbs are

true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud." 2 Peter 2:21-22

Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:10-11

***It is not the profession of faith
that gives us assurance, it is our progression in the faith
that gives us assurance.***

**The Christian life begins with faith in Jesus Christ!
Faith leads to growth in Christ!
Growth leads to transformation and service!**

Application: *Is your faith genuine?* It is a startling fact that there are many people in church who have never truly been born again, but who are convinced that they are saved and going to heaven!

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

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