

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: Set Free
Series: Good Friday, 2025
Text: Romans 8:1 - 11

Purpose: I want to PERSUADE my congregation to BELIEVE that true freedom is in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Introduction:

John 8:31 – 38, “(32) *and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (36) So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*”

1. Set Free by the Holy Spirit:

~ Romans 8:2, “*For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*”

Notice TWO issues: sin and death

Sin:

~ Romans 8:3 – 4, “*For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, (4) in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*”

~ Romans 7:14 – 18

Death:

~ Hebrews 9:27, “*And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,*”

~ The death of Christ Jesus deals with both the penalty of sin and the curse of death.

~ John 3:16

2. Set Free – Illustrated in the Passover in Egypt:

~ Exodus 1:8 – 14, “*Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses.*”

~ Exodus 12:7 – 13, (7) “*Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.*” (11b) “*It is the LORD’S Passover.*”

~ Exodus 12:21 - 24

~ John 1:29 – 34 and 36

3. Set Free – Illustrated by the Two Thieves on the Crosses:

~ Luke 23:39 – 43

~ Insert – don’t do the crime if you can’t do the crime; don’t invite problems. God forgives but nature usually does not.

The ‘Five Solas’:

~ Sola Scriptura (Scripture alone) – Christ Jesus is the living Word. John 1:1

~ Sola Fide (Faith alone) – the one thief said remember me!

~ Sola Gratia (Grace alone) – through the POWER of God. Ephesians 2:8 - 10

~ Sola Christus (Christ alone) – Acts 4:12, “*And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*”

~ Sola Deo Gloria (to the Glory of God alone) – Matthew 27:54, “*When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”*”

4. Set Free by Christ Jesus:

~ I was GUILTY

~ But...Romans 8:31 - 39

~ Hymn – Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

Conclusion:

Communion