



## Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings

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MOR-Bible, which is by God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace, God's unmerited divine favor, be to you and peace, an absolute end of all strife or trouble, be to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ to the faithful in Christ Jesus.

Father, we give thanks to you for the liberty and freedom we have in Christ. You have delivered us from the power of darkness and given us citizenship in your Kingdom by the works of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Father, I am so grateful and thankful for the opportunity to share the greatness of your Word with other believers. We pray that we stand in the perfect liberty and freedom we have in Christ manifesting the deliverance of your Word for all to see and desire. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

This month's teaching is *Walking in God's True Liberty*. Let us search, investigate, and examine very carefully the scriptures for understanding what the Will of God is. In this month's teaching, we will learn about the following:

- Define the Greek word *eleutheria* used for our English word "liberty."
- Understand the things we can do with our liberty.
- Identify the things we should not do with our liberty.

Note: The sources for all Greek English words are Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, The Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek Word of God (Bullinger), Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible, The Word Study Concordance by George V. Wigram and Ralph D. Winter, The Bible Hub, Topical Lexicon, and Webster's Desk Dictionary of the English Language.

Note: **Bold** added for highlighting.

When I confessed with my mouth the Lord Jesus and believed in my heart that God raised him from the dead, I received salvation and eternal liberty (see Romans 10:9). Our liberty was given to us by God our Father by way of the accomplished works of His only begotten son, Jesus Christ! Because we have God in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:19) in us the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27), we have eternal liberty that no one or nothing can take away from us!

Let's define and perform a word study of the Greek word *eleutheria* used for our English word "liberty." Here, we will examine carefully and in detail the Greek word *eleutheria* to better understand what is the truth of God's Word regarding our liberty!

The Greek word *eleutheria* means freedom, liberty, especially a state of freedom from slavery. The root word is *eleutheros* meaning free or unrestrained. The Greek word *eleutheria* is used in the Word of God to describe the liberty and freedom that believers have in Christ as contrasted with the bondage of sin and the law of the Old Testament. It emphasizes the liberation from the constraints of sin and the old covenant which leads to a life led by the Spirit. As it is written in Galatians 5:25:

*If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

There are 11 usages of the Greek word *eleutheria* used for our English word "liberty" as documented in the King James Bible. We will search, investigate, and examine very carefully all of them. The Greek word ***eleutheria*** will be **bolded** for highlighting.

The first usage is documented in Romans 8:21:

*Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious **liberty** [*eleutheria* - freedom] of the children of God.*

When you study God's Word, you will notice the first usage of a word gives you the vital and core meaning. Therefore, let us examine and investigate some of the key words around the first appearance of the Greek word *eleutheria* used for our English word "liberty." We will unpack and define these words to bring a deeper and richer understanding.

In this verse, the word *creature* is the Greek word *ktisis* meaning creation or institution. The root word *ktízō* means to create or to form. In the Word of God, *ktisis* is used to describe both the act of creation by God the Creator, and the created order itself. It often emphasized the relationship between the Creator (Elohim) and His creation, thus highlighting themes of divine authority, purpose, and renewal. Remember, only the one true God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, can create or *ktízō*!

The phrase *shall be delivered* is the Greek word *eleuthero* which means to set free or to liberate. The verb *eleuthero* is used in the Word of God to describe the act of setting someone free, often in a spiritual or moral sense. It conveys the idea of liberation from sin, legalism, or spiritual bondage. The word *bondage* is the Greek word *douleia* meaning slavery or servitude. The term *douleia* is used in the Word of God to describe a

condition of servitude or bondage, both in a literal and metaphorical sense. It was often used to contrast with the freedom found in Christ.

The word *corruption* is the Greek word *phthora* meaning to decay or destruction. The root Greek word is *phtheiro* which means to destroy, to corrupt, to spoil. The word *phthora* appears in the Word of God to describe both physical decay and moral corruption. It was used to convey the fleeting nature of the physical world and the moral degradation resulting from sin.

The word *glorious* is the Greek word *doxa* meaning glory, honor, splendor, majesty. In the Word of God, *doxa* is frequently used to describe the majesty and divine presence of God, the honor given to Jesus Christ, and the glory that believers are called upon to reflect. It appears in various contexts, including worship, the end of time, and ethical exhortations.

The word *children* is the Greek word *teknon* meaning child, offspring, or beloved. The root Greek word is *tiktō* which means to beget or to give birth. *Teknon* was used to describe both physical children and spiritual children. It appeared in contexts that emphasized family relationships, inheritance, and spiritual lineage. The term was often used to express endearment and personal affection, such as dear or beloved children.

The word *God* is the Greek word *Theos* which means God, the one supreme whom is the fountain of life and light. *Theos* was used to refer to God the Father, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. It was employed in various contexts to express attributes of God, His actions, and His relationship with humanity. The term was central to Christian theology, emphasizing the belief in the one true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, with this enhanced understanding, let us re-read Romans 8:21 with understanding. Remember, this verse is important because it is the first time the word *eleutheria* translated to our English word “liberty” is used in the Church Epistles.

Because the creation itself also shall absolutely be set free from sin, and the slavery, servitude, and moral corruption of the decay of the world order into the splendor and majesty of the freedom of God, the one supreme whom is the fountain of life, and light for the beloved children of God.

The second usage of *eleutheria* or liberty is documented in 1 Corinthians 10:29. We will read verses 27-28 for context.

*If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.*

*But if any man say unto you, this is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:*

*Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my **liberty** [eleutheria - freedom] judged of another man's conscience?*

In these verses, the context for the use of the word *conscience* is the phrase *is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake*. *Conscience* is the Greek word *suneidésis*; it is used in the Word of God to describe the internal witness or moral compass that guides individuals in ethical decision making. It appeared in various contexts, often related to the awareness of sin, the conviction of wrongdoing, or the assurance of right conduct. In short, *conscience* described a person's habit pattern. Is your habit pattern or conscience based on God's Word? As it is written in 1 Timothy 1:5:

*Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned.*

We can re-read 1 Timothy 1:5 with a greater understanding based on our edification of the word *conscience*:

Now, the end of the commandment is the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation out of a pure heart - mind, and of a good ethical decision making or habit pattern and believing genuine the Word of God.

Going back to 1 Corinthians 10:29, the phrase *is and judged* is the same Greek word *krinó* meaning to divide, to separate, to make a distinction, come to a decision, to judge, or to pronounce final judgement. This was not simply a sentence of condemnation, but it represented a decision in anyone's favor.

Now, let's re-read 1 Corinthians 10:29 with understanding:

Conscience, the ethical decision-making habit pattern I say, not of my own, but, in contrast of the other. For why is my **liberty** [eleutheria], my freedom to act, judged of another man's ethical decision-making habit pattern?

The third usage of *eleutheria* is documented in 2 Corinthians 3:17:

*Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **liberty** [eleutheria - freedom].*

In this verse, the word *Lord* is the Greek word *kurios* and means master. There is no liberty and freedom without the spirit of the Lord, the master! No person can truly say

that Jesus is Lord but by the gift of holy spirit in manifestation, which is speaking in tongues (see 1 Corinthians 12:3).

The fourth usage of *eleutheria* is documented in Galatians 2:4:

*And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our **liberty** [eleutheria - freedom] which we have in Christ Jesus, that [purpose] they might bring us into bondage [the Law].*

The context of this verse is that false brethren were brought in secretly (*privily*) to spy out whether Paul and Titus were circumcised. Even in today's times, false brethren are always trying to bring us into the bondage of the Law! Remember, the Law represented the Old Testament teachings, which was written for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of the scripture, might have hope (see Romans 15:4). We have liberty and freedom in Christ!

The fifth, sixth, and seventh usages are documented in Galatians 5:1 and 13:

*Stand fast therefore in the **liberty** [eleutheria - freedom] wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage [the Law].*

*For, brethren, ye have been called unto **liberty** [eleutheria - freedom]; only use not **liberty** [eleutheria - freedom] for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.*

By repeating *eleutheria* in verse 13, God's Word doubly established we have been called *unto liberty* and freedom! We are not to use our freedom for an occasion or beginning or accomplishing anything that is sin in the flesh. We are to walk in this liberty and freedom by the love of God, in the renewed mind in manifestation, serving one another.

The eighth usage is documented in James 1:25:

*But whoso looketh into the perfect law of **liberty** [eleutheria - freedom], and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed [work].*

The phrase *whoso looketh* means to stoop, to look intently, or to peer. It is from the Greek word *para* which means beside and *kyptō* which means to stoop or bend forward. The word *perfect* means complete, mature, full-grown, completely perfect, wanting nothing. It is from the Greek word *telos*, meaning an end or completion. In this verse, the word *law* does not reference the Old Testament law as given to Moses or the *bondage of the law* used in the previous verses studied. Why? Romans 8:2 tells us:

*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

As it is written in Romans 10:4:

*For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.*

This verse states *Christ is the end of what? the Law!* We are free, have liberty, from *the law* because of Christ!

Now, let's re-read James 1:25 with understanding:

But in contrast, whoso look intently into the complete liberty of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus, which has made me free of the law, and remain therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a performer of the word of God, this man shall be blessed in his workmanship.

The ninth usage of *eleutheria* is documented in James 2:12. We will read verse 11 for context.

*For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.*

*So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of **liberty** [eleutheria - freedom].*

James 2:12 provides a final judgment which highlighted the seriousness of living consistently with God's revealed Word and Will. The standard was, and still is, no longer the Old Testament Law. Rather, the standard by which we should live is the full span of God's righteousness which is in Christ Jesus, manifesting a renewed mind and heart consistent with God's revealed Word and Will addressed to us as documented in the seven Church Epistles. We are free from the Old Testament Law and bound to *the law of liberty*.

The tenth usage is documented in 1 Peter 2:16:

*As free and not using your **liberty** [eleutheria - freedom] for a cloke of maliciousness, but [in contrast] as the servants of God.*

Let's understand the original meanings of the words in this verse to better understand how NOT to use our liberty or *eleutheria*. The word *cloke* is the Greek word *epikalumma* meaning a covering, veil, or hood. It is from the root Greek word *epikaluptó* which means to cover over or to conceal. The word *maliciousness* is the Greek word *kakia* meaning wickedness, malice, evil, depravity. The word *servants* is the Greek word

*doulos* meaning slave, slaves, bond-servants. The Greek word *doulos* refers to a person who belongs to another and lives under that person's authority. It can describe literal slaves, hired servants, disciples, and, most profoundly, a believer's relationship to God through Jesus Christ.

Now, with these richer meanings, let's re-read 1 Peter 2:16 with understanding:

As free and not using your liberty or- freedom for a covering of wickedness, but in contrast, as having been freed from sin, you became a free will bond-servant to the righteousness of God, the one supreme whom is the fountain of life and light.

As it is written in 1 Corinthians 6:20:

*For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

The eleventh usage of *eleutheria* is documented in 2 Peter 2:19:

*While they promise them **liberty** [eleutheria - freedom], they themselves are the servants of corruption for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.*

Once again, the word *servants* is the Greek word *doulos* meaning slaves. As well, the word *corruption* is the Greek word *phthora* meaning corruption, decay, destruction. The word *bondage* is the Greek word *douloó* meaning to enslave, to bring into bondage, to make a servant.

Now, let's re-read this last usage of *eleutheria*, 2 Peter 2:19, with understanding.

While false prophets and false teachers promise them **liberty** or freedom, they themselves are the slaves of destruction for whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought into bondage and enslave.

### **The things we can do with our liberty.**

Based on our understanding of these 11 usages of *eleutheria*, let's look at what we can do with our liberty.

1. Remain determined, stalwart, and unyielding, on the Word of God because Christ has made us free.
  - *Stand fast therefore in the **liberty** [eleutheria – freedom] wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage [the Law] (Galatians 5:1).*
2. Use our freedom to serve others with love by acting with humility and love.

- *but by love serve one another* (Galatians 5:13).
3. Actively do the Word of God (don't just hear it) by following God's Word to manifest His freedom.
    - *But whoso looketh into the perfect law of **liberty** [eleutheria - freedom], and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed [work]* (James 1:25).
  4. Serve as a servant, reflecting humility, love, and dedication to God and others.
    - *but [in contrast] as the servants of God* (1 Peter 2:16).

### **The things we should not do with our liberty.**

1. Not consider others' consciences in the exercise of our own freedoms.
  - *for why is my **liberty** [eleutheria - freedom] judged of another man's conscience?* (1 Corinthians 10:29).
2. Not use deceptive tactics to distort the message of grace and freedom and thereby lead believers away from their true spiritual liberty.
  - *that they might bring us into bondage [of the Law]* (Galatians 2:4).
3. Not engage in sinful behavior.
  - *For, brethren, ye have been called unto **liberty** [eleutheria - freedom]; only use not **liberty** [eleutheria - freedom] for an occasion to the flesh.* (Galatians 5:13).
4. Not use freedom to be malicious or sin or lower moral standards.
  - *As free and not using your **liberty** [eleutheria - freedom] for a cloke of maliciousness.* (1 Peter 2:16).
5. Not be enslaved by people who are servants of corruption or slaves of your own corrupt desires and influences.
  - *While they promise them **liberty** [eleutheria - freedom], they themselves are the servants of corruption* (2 Peter 2:19).

In this month's teaching, we defined the Greek word *eleutheria* translated into our English word "liberty" and reviewed, examined, and investigated all 11 usages in the Bible. Using these usages, we learned what to do with our liberty and what not to do with our liberty. Our increased understanding of *eleutheria* has taught us that we are to stand fast in the spiritual liberty and freedom wherein Christ who is the anointed one, the Messiah, had made us free. Through Christ, we are not entangled within the yoke of bondage of the law. Always remember, it is God, in Christ in you, the hope of glory (2 Corinthians 5:19 and Colossians 1:27)!

Let us pray. Thanks be unto God, our Father, who has delivered us from captivity of the devil and given us eternal, spiritual freedom through His son, the Lord Jesus Christ's, accomplished works. Give us the strength to remain determined, stalwart, and unyielding on the Word of God because Christ has made us free. Guide us as we use our freedom to serve others with love by acting with humility. Remind us through the reading of your Word to actively do the Word of God by following your Word to manifest freedom. And, Father, may we serve through our words and actions, reflecting humility, love, and dedication to you and others. Thank you, Father, for always causing us to triumph in Christ. We pray that we be found children after our Father's heart, fulfilling all your Will. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

God bless you always as you walk in the Word of God, doing the Will of God.

We thank God our Father that you are rooted and built up in Him, and established in the family faith, as you have been taught, abounding therein with **thanksgiving**.

We pray you have a blessed Thanksgiving, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In the Lord,

Ministry of Reconciliation  
Son of God through Jesus Christ  
Ambassador for Christ