
The background image shows a prison corridor. In the foreground, a black metal gate with vertical bars is partially open. To the right of the gate, a door is open, revealing a bright, arched tunnel that recedes into the distance. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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# The **New** Testament

## Galatians 5:1,7-13

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

1/2 Corinthians

*Galatians*

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1/2 Thessalonians

1/2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

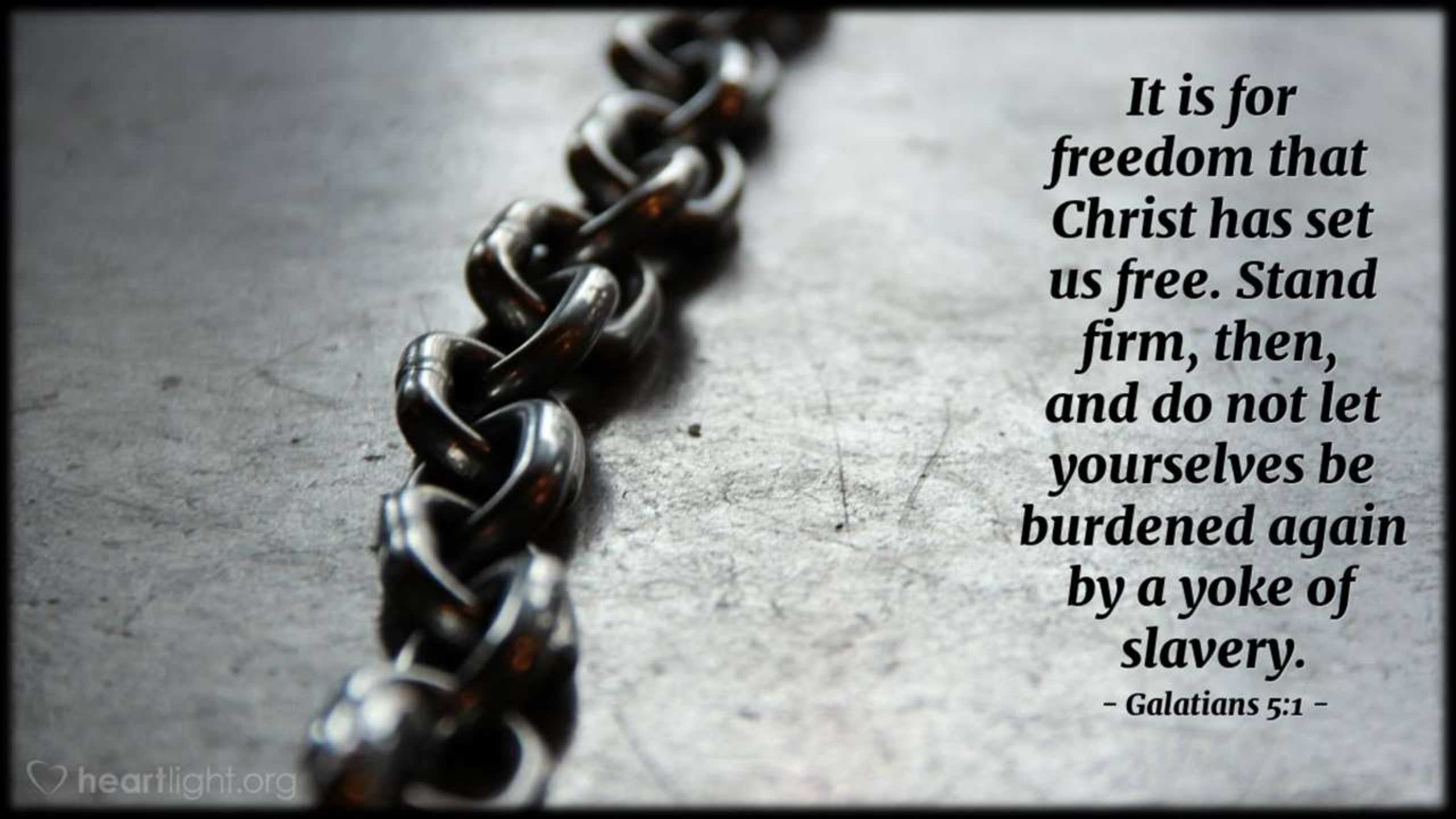
1/2 Peter

1/2/3 John

Jude

Revelation





***It is for  
freedom that  
Christ has set  
us free. Stand  
firm, then,  
and do not let  
yourselves be  
burdened again  
by a yoke of  
slavery.***

***- Galatians 5:1 -***



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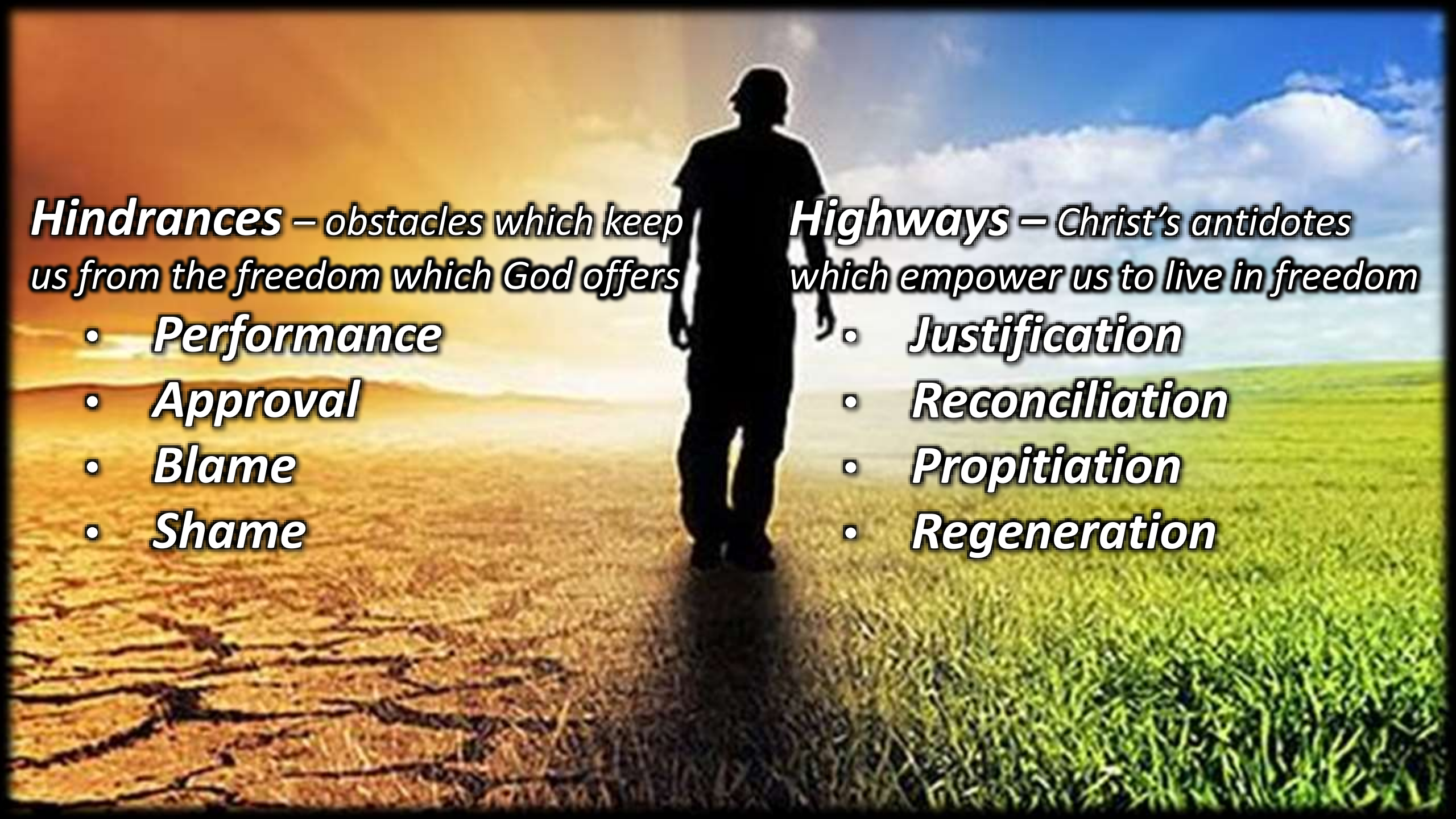
*Do we sometimes  
normalize a life  
that is less than  
Jesus died for?*

**DEAD WEIGHT**



*"...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin  
that so easily entangles. And let us run with  
perseverance the race marked out for us..."*






***Hindrances*** – obstacles which keep us from the freedom which God offers

- ***Performance***
- ***Approval***
- ***Blame***
- ***Shame***

***Highways*** – Christ's antidotes which empower us to live in freedom

- ***Justification***
- ***Reconciliation***
- ***Propitiation***
- ***Regeneration***



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My chains are

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I've been — — — — —

— — — — — **set free.**

My God, My Savior

has **RANSOMED**

—————

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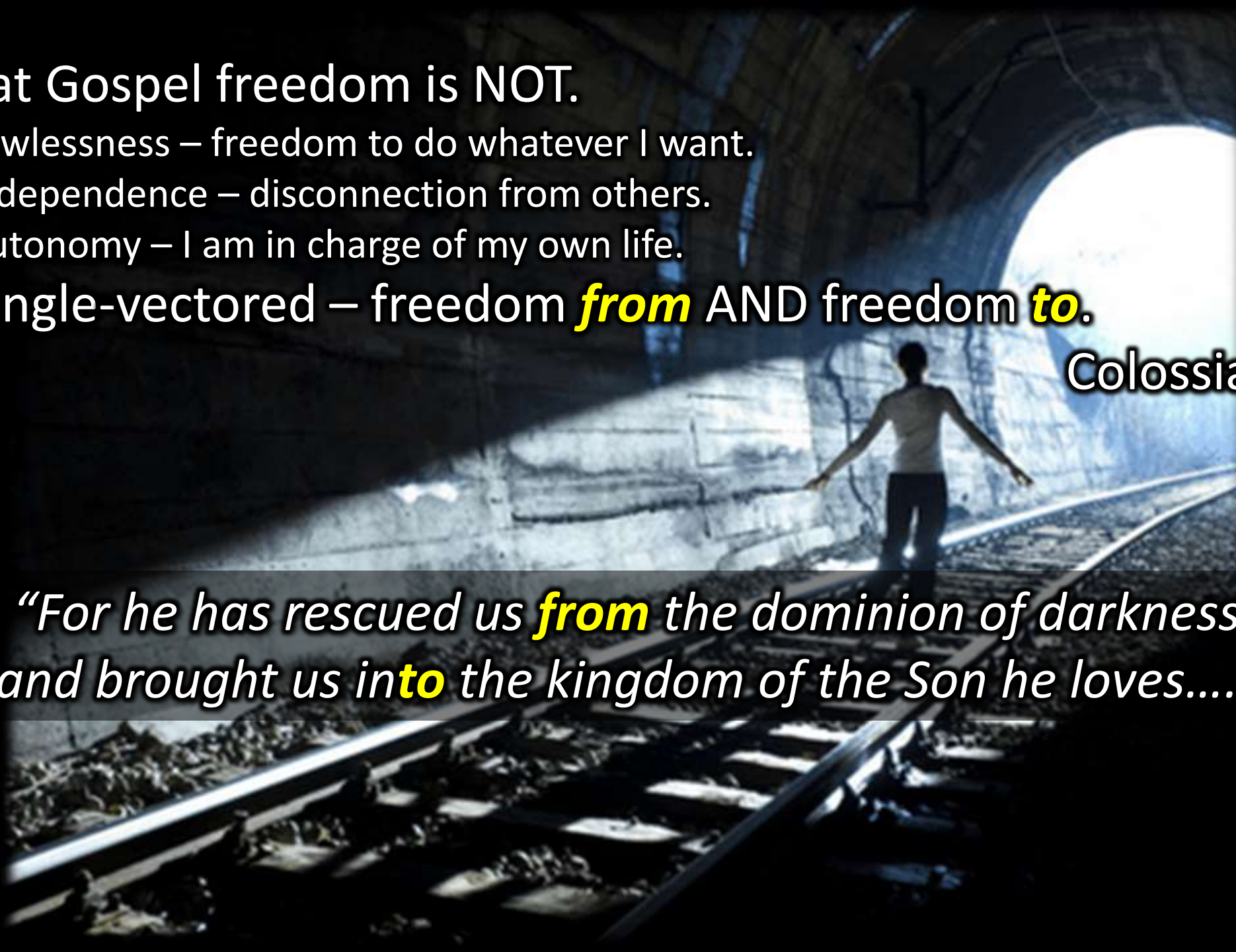


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- Single-vectored – freedom **from** AND freedom **to**.

Colossians 1:13

*“For he has rescued us **from** the dominion of darkness and brought us **into** the kingdom of the Son he loves....”*

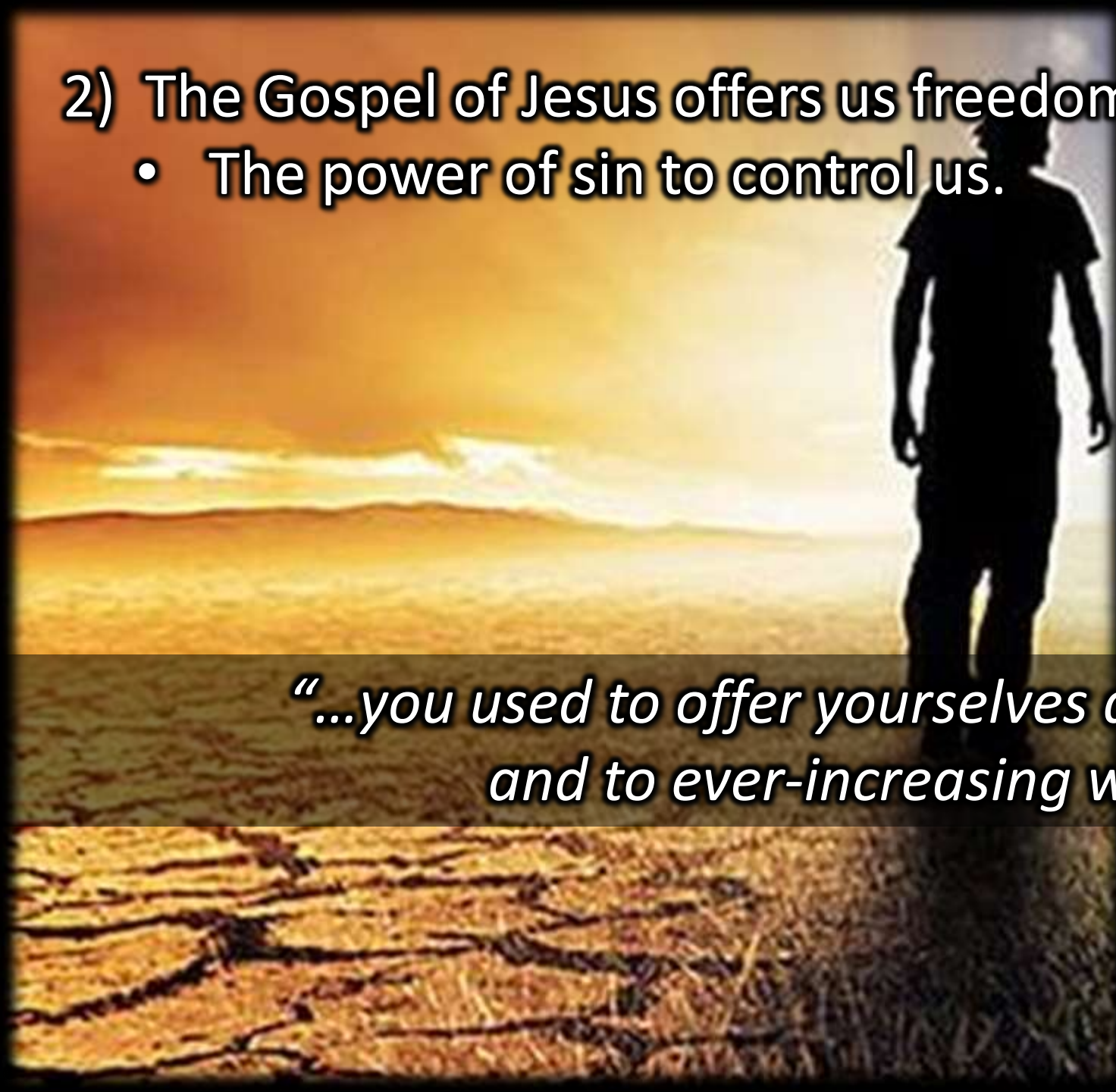




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Romans 6:19



*“...you used to offer yourselves as **slaves to impurity** and to ever-increasing wickedness...”*

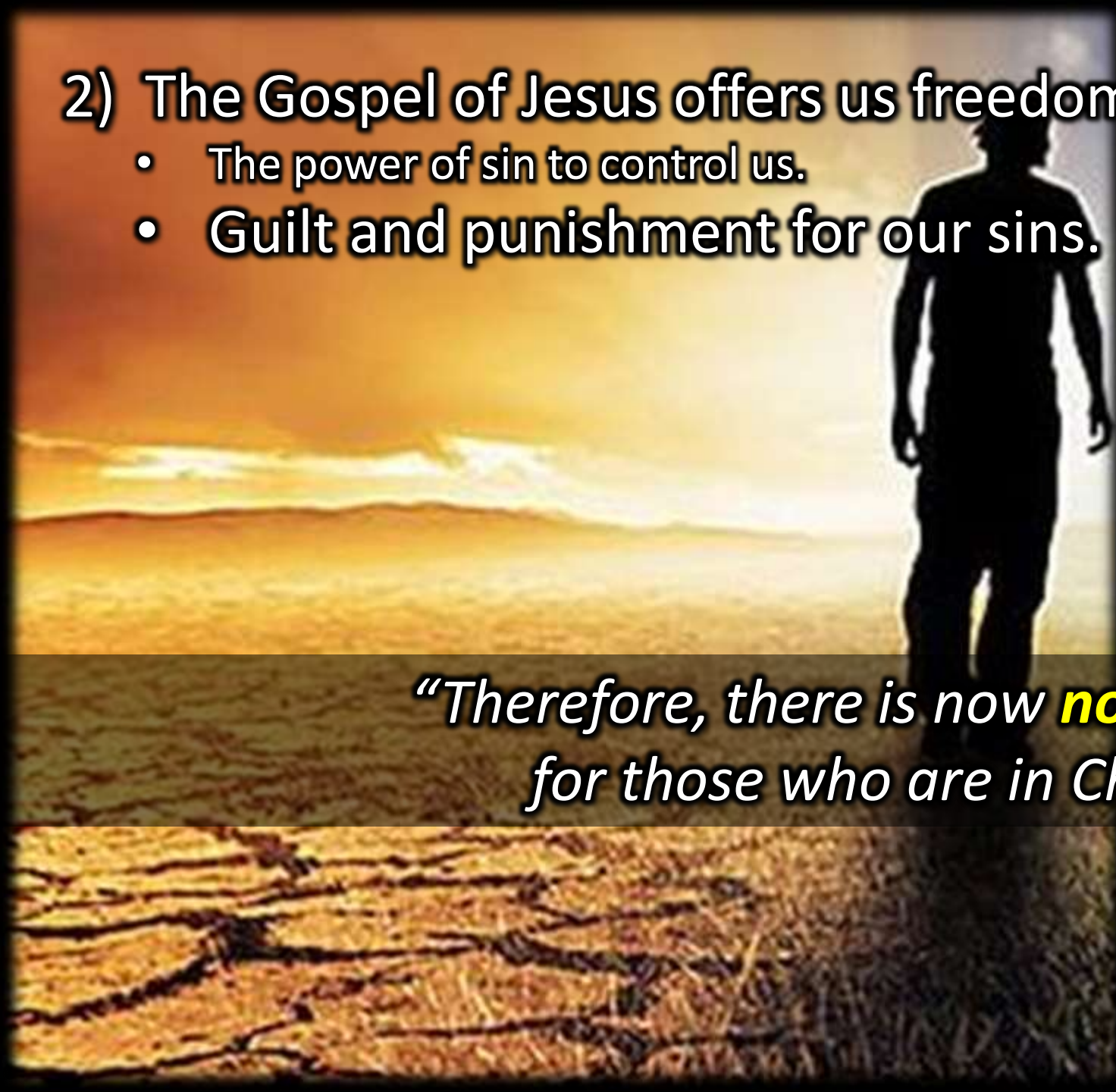


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*“Therefore, there is now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus.”*



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Genesis 3:8

*“Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and **they hid from the Lord** God among the trees of the garden.”*



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*“Who will **bring any charge** against those whom God has chosen?”*

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John 8:44

*“... the devil,... was a murderer from the beginning,  
not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. ...  
he is a **liar** and the father of **lies**.”*



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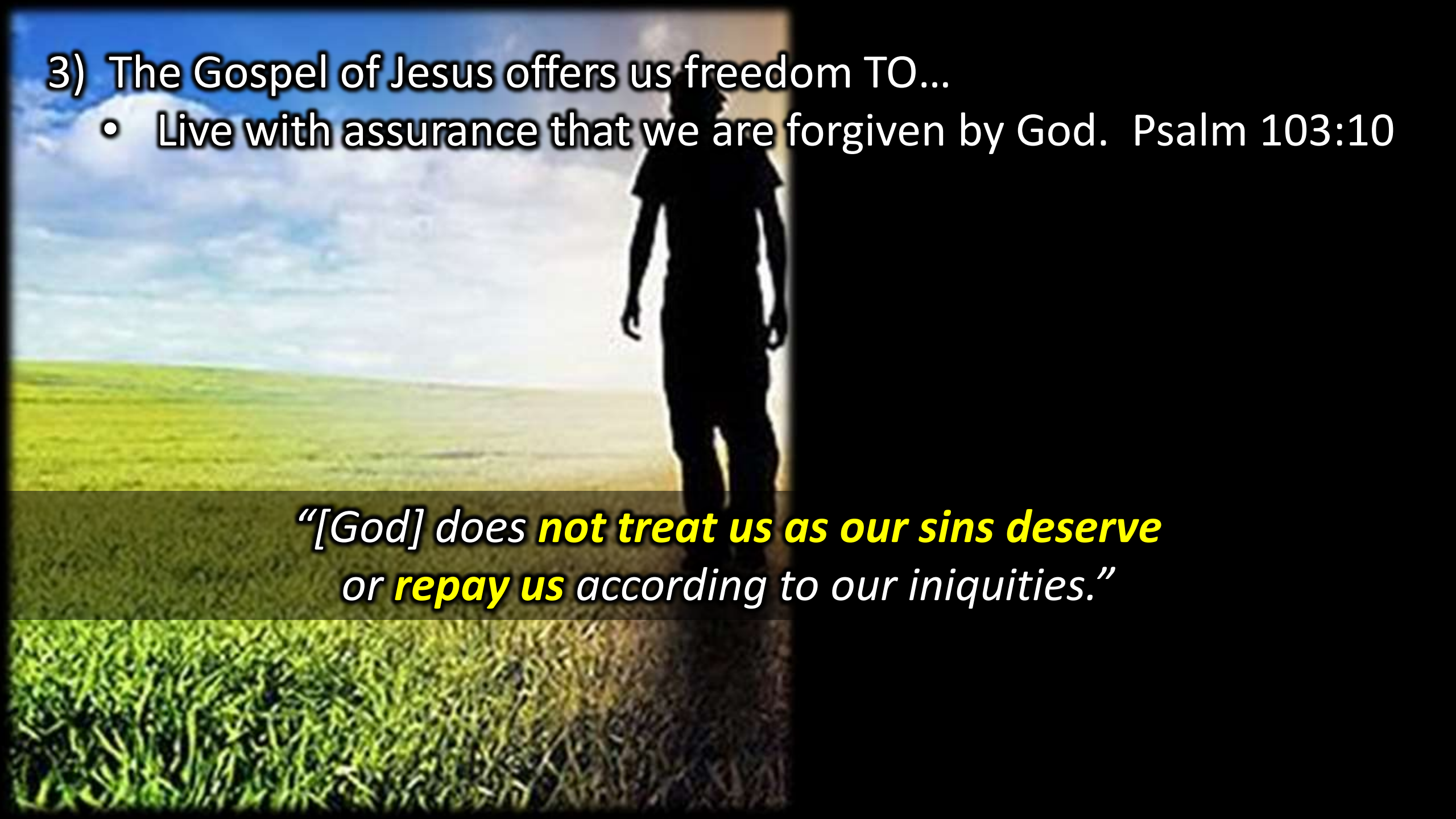
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Psalm 25:2

*"I trust in you [God]; do not let me be **put to shame**,..."*



A silhouette of a person stands in the center of the frame, facing away from the viewer and looking out over a vast, flat landscape. The person is dark against the bright, hazy background. The landscape is a mix of green and yellow, suggesting a field or tundra. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

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*“[God] does **not treat us as our sins deserve**  
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Romans 8:34

*“Yet to all who did receive [Jesus], to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children of God.**”*

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*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the **new creation** has come:  
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Isaiah 43:1

*“But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you,...  
he who formed you,...:*

*‘Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have **summoned you by name; you are mine.**’*



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- Belong to God alone – slaves of a loving and gracious Master. Romans 1:1

*“Paul, a **servant** of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and **set apart** for the gospel of God...”*



4) What do we do about this?

The image features two hands against a textured, light-colored wall. The hand on the left is dark-skinned and is bound by a metal cuff. The hand on the right is light-skinned and is free. The word 'FREEDOM' is written in large, black, serif capital letters across the center of the image, with the subtitle 'FROM SHACKLES TO SONSHIP' in smaller, black, serif capital letters below it.

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FROM SHACKLES TO SONSHIP

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- Redefine ourselves in terms of truth with a new resolve.

2 Corinthians 10:5

FROM SHACKLES TO SONSHIP

*“We **demolish** arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we **take captive** every thought to **make it obedient** to Christ.”*



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