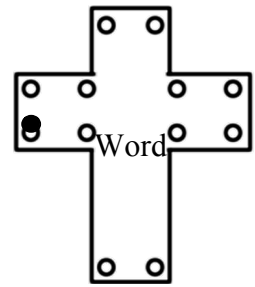


WORD of TRULY GREAT FREEDOM

2. 10 This Freedom



Bible Verse : James 4:7
Submit yourselves, then, to God.
Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Proclaim : *When I obey the Lord God, I have His power and great joy.*

Truth: If a man knows the truth, the truth shall set him free.
For we know that he whom the Son sets free is free indeed.



- Lesson:**
- (1) **True Freedom and False Freedom** – <Freedom> *does not mean -- to be free from any control or restrictions, nor the liberty to do whatever one pleases. To be “free” from parents’ or teachers’ instructions, or to ignore the laws of the government – these are also not true freedom. Such a way of life is “lawless” which the Bible refers to as ungodly. When someone is lawless in act or attitude, he offends God. He may be happy for a while but consequently, there will be harm and suffering at the end. (Matthew 24:12)*
 - (2) **True Freedom** – *True freedom comes from God, for the Bible says, “Whoever the Son of God sets free is free indeed. ” True freedom brings about joy and blessings. (John 8:36)*
 - (3) **Obedying God’s Word** – *To say “yes” to God is the real secret to freedom and joy. For example, God’s word say, “Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.” When we decide to obey our parents, God will surely enable us to do it. Then we will have the freedom to do what is right and also the freedom not to do what is wrong. (Colossians 3:20).*
 - (4) **Great Joy and Power** – *Obedying God gives us a special joy. This joy is our strength. As God’s word has stated : “Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength”. With the joy of the Lord, we will be able to do what pleases God and to continually submit to His word. This is the dynamic relationship between «Obeying God» and «Great joy and power» . (Nehemiah 8:10)*

Conclusion: The Lord is a God who wants to bestow joy and freedom. Lord Jesus was crucified so that we may be free. When we submit ourselves to God, we will become strong and joyous Christians.

Prayer/Invitation: Pray that today’s truths will be written on our hearts in Lord Jesus’ name.