



THE PRICE OF FREEDOM 2 Peter 2:9-22

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This Memorial Day we embrace our many freedoms with delight. But freedom has its price, and we forge it at our peril.

I. The "Freedom" that in Reality Is Bondage.

- A. The promise of freedom that is in error because it assumes:
 - 1. There is no final judgment.
 - 2. There is no ultimate authority.
 - 3. There is no final accounting.
 - 4. We're free to pursue our own desires.
- B. The promise of freedom that is empty because:
 - 1. It proffers a freedom that it cannot deliver.
 - a. "Springs without water." v. 17
 - b. "Mists driven by a storm."
 - 2. It is presented by those who do not experience freedom. v. 19
 - a. They are bold and arrogant. v. 10
 - b. "They blaspheme in matters they do not understand." v. 12
 - c. They are driven by instinct, not principle. v. 12
- C. The promise of freedom that is enticing because:
 - 1. It offers what the heart longs for.
 - 2. It appeals to "sinful human nature." v. 18
- D. The promise of freedom that is ensnaring because:
 - 1. It imagines freedom is the absence of restraint.
 - 2. It ignores the "corrupt desire of the sinful nature." vv. 10-14
 - 3. It ignores the dangers of "despis(ing) authority." v. 10
 - 4. It ignores the incipient "corruption of the world." v. 20
 - 5. It ignores the slavery of human "depravity." v. 19; Romans 6:16; John 8:34

II. The "Bondage" that in Christ Is Liberty.

- A. A mind captivated by "the way of righteousness." v. 21
- B. A heart captured by our "Savior Jesus Christ." v. 20
- C. A will controlled by "our Lord." See Psalm 119:44ff; John 8:31; Galatians 5:13

Points to Ponder: "Freedom to be me" doesn't work. Freedom to be His does!