**R1023 Rumination for September 01, 2024**

The **T**heme: **Free Indeed** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *So if the Son sets you free, you will be* ***free indeed****.* Mt. 16:18

The **T**hots:

Intro. Yesterday (31st August) Malaysia, or to be more exact, Malaya **C**elebrated its 67th Independence Day.

It was a day to **C**ommemorate its freedom from **C**olonialism to be a sovereign **C**ountry of its own and for its **C**itizens to live together in unity in diversity, to demonstrate **P**atriotism and **P**ride and to march forward as a **P**rogressive **C**ountry meeting the **P**rospective **C**hallenges to be an independent nation to have its own vision and national goals.

Now, what has the Bible to say about freedom and independence?

1. **The Definition of Freedom. What does the Scripture say?**
2. It is Freedom from **S**in. Know this **T**ruth:

*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.* Jn. 8:32

 *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death*. Rom 8:2

1. **I**ntrinsically we are **S**ervants/**S**laves to **S**in–
2. *Jesus answered…Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.* Jn. 8:34
3. *Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?* Rom. 6:16
4. **I**nherently, **P**aul knew he was in **S**in and **S**ought deliverance from its **S**lavery – Rom. 7:23-25a
	* 1. Sin’s **V**icious Grip on Paul: *But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.*
5. He was its **V**ictim: *O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*
6. However, he knew how to have **V**ictory over Sin: *I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
7. **I**ntimately the **P**salmist also **V**oiced his concern regarding his own **S**ecret **P**resumptuous **S**ins.

*Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me:* Psa. 19:13

1. It is Freedom **S**ecured in the **S**on of God – **T**ake this opportunity: Jn. 8:36

*If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*

1. It is a Free **G**ift: *But not as the offence, so also is the free gift.* Rom 5:15

*Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came up on all men to condemnation;*

*even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.* Rom 5:18

1. It is a **G**ift of **G**od’s **G**race:
2. *For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one Man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.*
3. *The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Rom. 6:23
4. It is being **F**reed from **S**in to **S**erve God – The **T**ribute to Freedom.
5. *Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.* Rom 6:18
6. *But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God,*

*ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.* Rom 6:22

1. *For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord’s freeman:*

*likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ’s servant.* 1 Cor 7:22

1. *As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.* 1 Pet 2:16
2. *Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.* Rom. 6:18
3. *For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.* Rom. 6:20
4. *But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God,*

*ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.* Rom. 6:22

1. Therefore, **S**tand **F**ast and be **S**teadfast in this **F**reedom – Live **T**riumphantly!

*Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free,*

*and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.* Gal 5:1

1. **The Defines and Confines of freedom.**
2. What Freedom is not.
3. Freedom from Sin cannot be **P**urchased; it is the **G**ift of **G**od. See #2 above.
4. It is not Freedom to do as one **P**leases but to consider the weaker brother out of Love:

*Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth,*

*lest I make my brother to offend.* I Cor. 8:13

1. What **F**reedom is and its **F**ruit:
2. *But now being made* ***F****ree from sin, and become servants to God,* Rom. 6:22

*ye have your* ***F****ruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.*

1. *The* ***F****ruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness,* ***F****aith,*

*Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.* Gal. 5:22, 23

1. The **F**reedom to meet together to **F**aithfully Remember Him at the Lord’s Supper. I Cor. 11:26

*For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till He come.*

**Points To Ponder:**

*Will you of your own* ***F****ree will choose to* ***F****aithfully remember Him every Lord’s Day come what may?*