LIBERTY

Daily Meditation - Saturday March 29, 2025

The Bible says, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to grant those who mourn in Zion, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified" (Is. 61:1-3).

My favorite verse on this subject was written by the Apostle Paul. He said, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Cor. 3:17).

Let's examine two definitions.

- (1) "Liberty, Christian The freedom to choose courses of action that, instead of being compelled by other human beings, grow out of one's commitment to Christ and the Scriptures.
- (2) "Liberty, Religious Freedom to worship according to the dictates of one's conscience without political or other coercion." ²

The Psalmist wrote, "And I will walk at liberty and at ease, for I have sought and inquired for [and desperately required] Your precepts" (Ps. 119:45 AMPC).

Can I have you a suggestion? Go back and meditate on Isaiah 61:1-3 and 2 Corinthians 3:17 for a while. Get those verses deep down in your Spirit.

PRAYER FOR SALVATION – Father God, I repent of all my sins, and I believe you raised Jesus from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. Jesus, wash me with your holy blood. Holy Spirit fill me so I can be a mighty witness for King Jesus!

¹ All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise noted, are from the *New American Standard Bible*.

² Millard J. Erickson, *The Concise Dictionary of Christian Theology*, (Grand Rapids: Baker Books), 1986, 115.