
Love, the Ultimate Freedom Is Constraining

“Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket—safe, dark, motionless, airless—it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, and irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy, is damnation.” C. S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

* Incarnation:

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

* Atonement:

Matthew 26:28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

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Isn't Christianity just a Straitjacket?

Give Me an Answer—part 3

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Truth is Unavoidable

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Community Can't be Completely Inclusive

The Paradox of “Freedom”

- Does Personal Choice Equal “Freedom?”

*Proverbs 26:12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes?
There is more hope for a fool than for him.*

- What Does Satisfaction Done My Way Produce?

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*Proverbs 27:20 Death and Destruction are never satisfied,
and neither are the eyes of man.*

*Ecclesiastes 1:8 All things are wearisome, more than one
can say. The eye never has enough of seeing....*

*Eccl. 5:10 He who loves money never has money enough;
he who loves wealth is never satisfied with his income.*

*Isaiah 65:13 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "My
servants will eat, but you will go hungry; my servants will
drink, but you will go thirsty; my servants will rejoice, but
you will be put to shame."*

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*Proverbs 5:22 The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him;
the cords of his sin hold him fast.*

*John 8:34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who
sins is a slave to sin."*

*Romans 6:6 For we know that our old self was crucified with
him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we
should no longer be slaves to sin...*

- What Does Satisfaction Done God's Way Produce?

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*John 8:31 Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are
really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the
truth will set you free.... ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will
be free indeed."*

*Galatians 5:13 You, my brothers, were called to be free. But
do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather,
serve one another in love.*

*Isaiah 42:6 "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I
will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷ to
open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to
release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.*

*Romans 6:20 When you were slaves to sin, you were “free”
from the control of righteousness.*

²¹ *What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you
are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!*

²² *But now that you have been set free from sin and have
become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness,
and the result is eternal life.*
