

Christian Ethics or Christ Ethics, part 8

“Freedom, part 1”

~What is freedom? Freedom is the idea of being free. The first mention of this word freedom is found in a Samarian text. The Samarian word freedom is *ama-ji*. The English language does not have a word for freedom. Our word for freedom comes from the word love.

~In Christian thought the argument that surrounds freedom is Free will versus predestination.

--Christian Anarchists versus Christian Libertarians

~Christian Anarchists believe that the teachings of Jesus have naturally and spiritually allowed the individual to live outside of the lines of government and church authority.

~Christian libertarians have combined their faith and politics to live in a different way. They operate under freedom.

Notes:

- I. Exodus 4:21-23
 - a. God let the Israelites leave Egypt so they could serve Him.
 - b. God did not call you into freedom so you could live unabated by everything.
 - c. The Israelites were called to freedom under God.

- II. Galatians 5:13
 - a. Too much freedom is not a good thing.
 - b. Someone disciplines you along life's way.
 - c. What is the result of too much freedom?

Notes:

- III. Freedom of the world (#1)--Jude 1:4; 2 Peter 2:2, 19
 - a. If people are not serving God they are serving something else.
 - b. We are slaves to whatever we give in to.
 - c. Too much freedom breeds corruption.

- IV. Freedom from sin (#2)-- Isaiah 61:6; Luke 4:17
 - a. God is administering His divine kingdom.
 - b. Jesus speaks to us about a freedom He is giving us—a freedom to go into the desert and worship Him.
 - c. 2 Timothy 2:26—the freedom of the world is a trap. If we live by the freedom of the world we obey Satan.

Notes:

~Scripture Verses—Galatians 4:31; Galatians 3:13

Question for thought:

1) What kind of liberty have we gained in Christ?