

# *The Freedom of a Christian (1520)*

- A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all,  
subject to none.
- A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all,  
subject to all.





JULY 4, 1776.

United States of America



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**We the People**  
insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence,  
and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution

Section 1  
All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

# Bill of Rights

United States

Congress

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begun and held at the City of New York, on  
Wednesday, the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty

The Conventions of a number of the States having, at the time of their adopting the  
prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And  
Resolved, by the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES of the UNITED STATES  
the Government, will best insure the beneficent ends of its institution:  
Articles in addition to, and Amendment of the Constitution of the United States,  
After the first enumeration required by the first Article of the Constitution, there  
shall be one hundred, after which, the proportion shall be so regulated by  
representatives, nor less than one Representative for every forty thousand persons,  
after which, the proportion shall be so regulated by Congress, that  
representative for every fifty thousand persons.  
The compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives  
shall be ascertained from time to time in a way respecting an establishment of religion,  
of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition for the redress of their grievances,  
necessary to the security of a free press, in any State, Territory, or Possession,  
persons, houses, papers, and possessions, liable to be searched, or  
probable cause, shall not be required, and no warrant shall issue, but on probable cause,  
persons or things to be seized, nor shall be compelled to answer for a capital, or otherwise  
the land or Naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service, nor shall be  
same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall private property  
deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property  
prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the  
shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and  
sation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process  
assistance of counsel for his defence.  
at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, and  
a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined, impeached, or questioned, and the evidence  
ive bail shall not be required, and no fine shall be imposed, nor imprisonment  
enumeration.

# The Shape of American Freedom

- Freedom from..... Tyrants
- Freedom to..... Pursue Happiness



# John 4:14

“But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up into eternal life.”



Unbeliever

Christian

Bound

Free



Bound

Bound

# The Riddle of Christian Freedom

- A Christian is *inwardly* a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none.
- A Christian is *outwardly* a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.

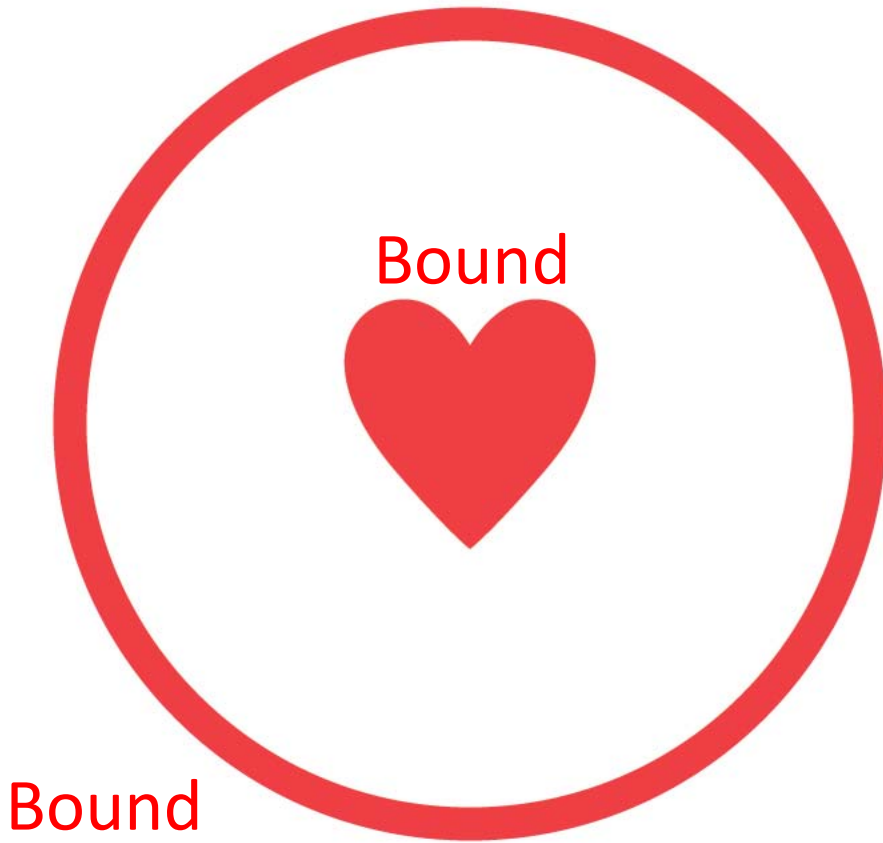
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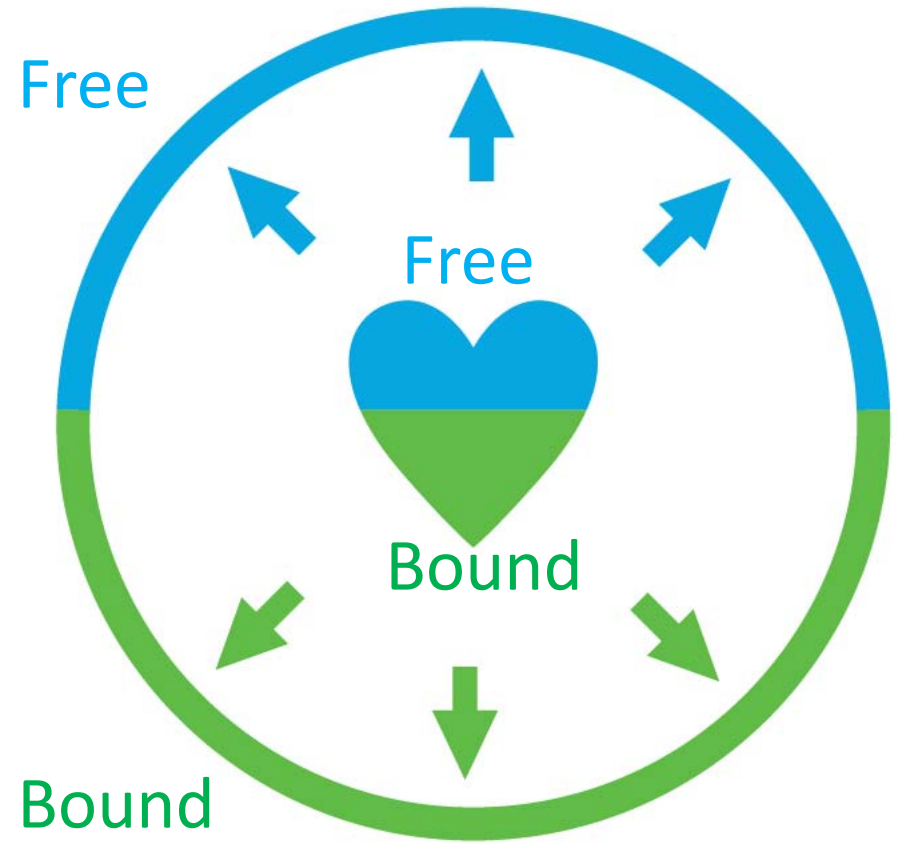
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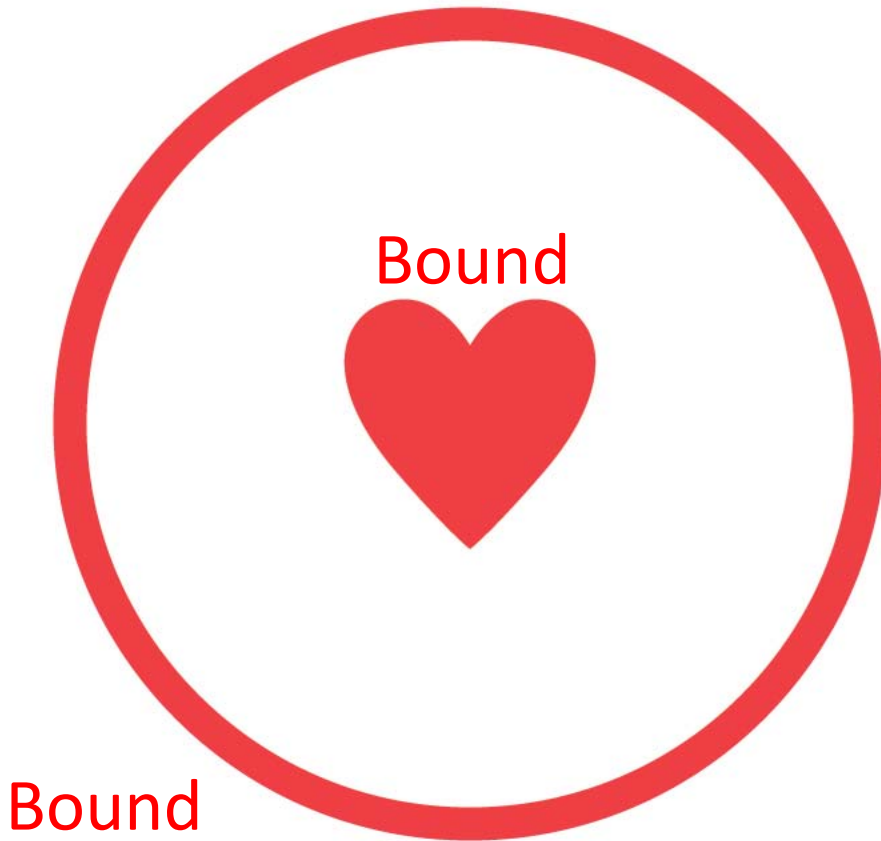


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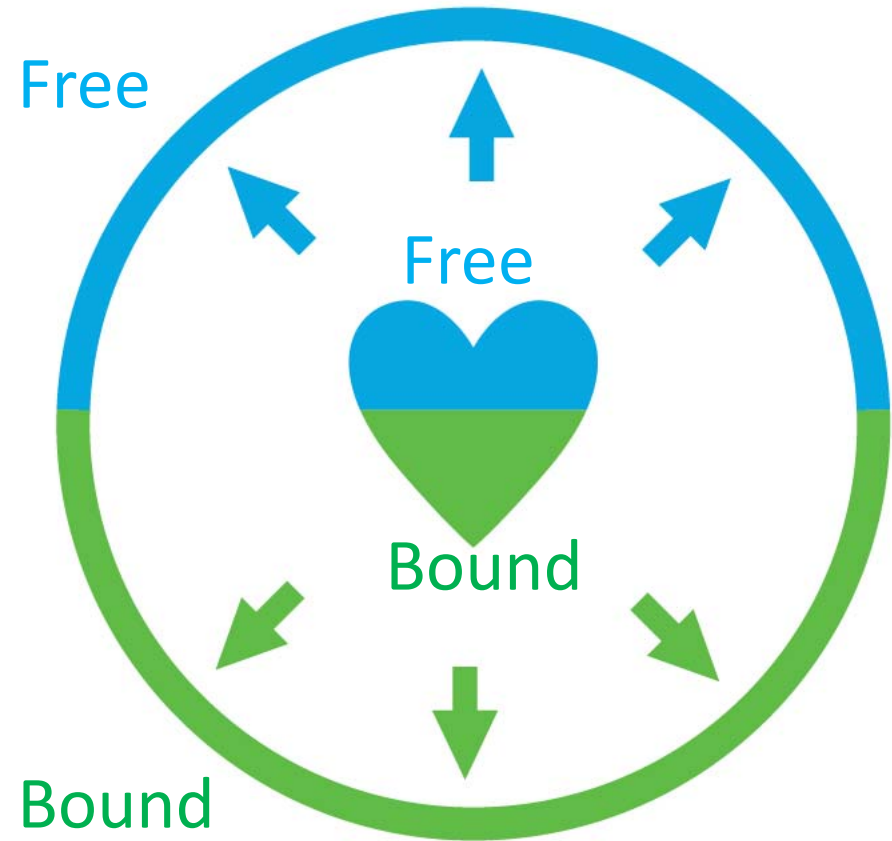


1. What is the freedom of a Christian?
2. What is the bondage of an unbeliever?
3. What is the bondage of a Christian?

Unbeliever

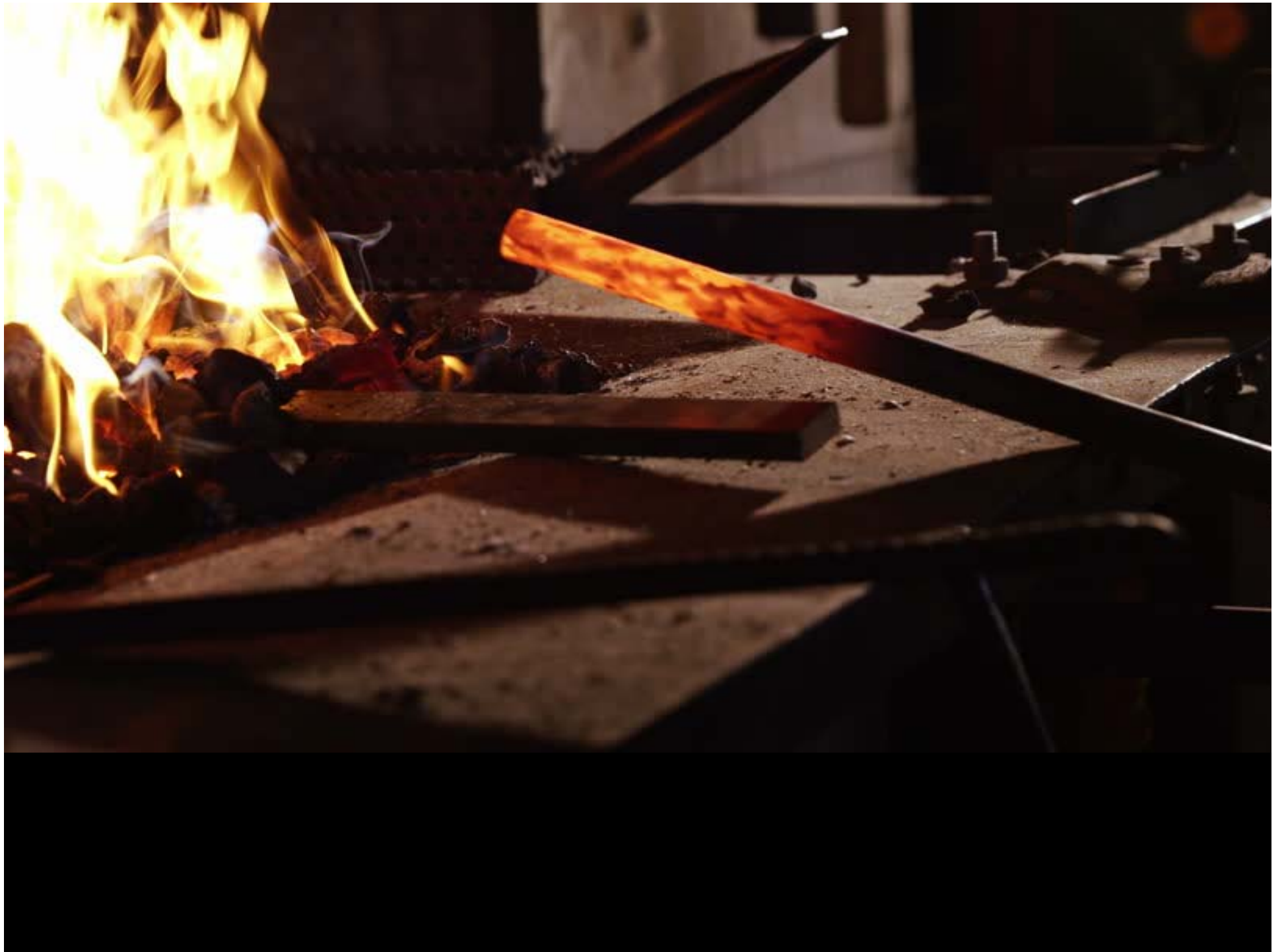


Christian



# Three Powers of Faith

- 1) The power to bring about Christian freedom apart from works
- 2) The power of reciprocal honor
- 3) The power of marital union with Christ







# Checklist for good works of the body

- Out of joy in God's favor
- To subdue your body
- For your neighbor's need
- To seek advantage with God



# Philippians 2:5-8

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

# The Most Important Paragraph (p. 45)

*We conclude, therefore, that a Christian lives not in himself, but in Christ and in his neighbor. Otherwise he is not a Christian. He lives in Christ through faith, in his neighbor through love. By faith he is caught up beyond himself into God. By love he descends beneath himself into his neighbor. Yet he always remains in God and in his love, as Christ says in Jn 1:51, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”*

# The Shape of Christian Freedom

- Freedom from..... Self
- Freedom to..... Love