

Freedom

Mankind was not born a slave; but was born free. What was their freedom based on? The right to choose.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 KJV I call Heaven and Earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: [20] That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey His voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto Him: for He is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them

God gave mankind the right to kill themselves with their own choices. Why would He do that? It was necessary, if man was going to be made like God.

Genesis 1:26-27 KJV And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. [27] So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.

Today many people are making choices that bring God's power and life to them! Look at this next verse.

John 10:10 KJV The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

When we choose Jesus and choose to be lead by His words, we will experience life on the earth that is just like Heaven. God will not take away our right to choose, even if we go against Him. If He did, He would be like the devil. America was founded closer to the way God made man than any other nation. When the government takes away your right to choose, they are moving the nation closer to a communist or socialist nation. Some people in America want God out. They want to rule people and take away their right to choose. God doesn't do that.

Not all Americans were treated equal at one time; when slavery was going on in America, the devil was at work. The major thing he did was to not give the black man the right to choose. But many white and black people knew this was wrong, and they fought in the Civil War to stop slavery. Over 500,000 people were killed in that war. America became the example to the whole world that slavery was wrong and should be abolished. Even after the war, the devil in white people was still working to bind black people from being free to choose.

America kept on pushing for freedom for all people of all colors. That's when a leader rose up named Martin Luther King. He lead people of color to stand up for their civil rights. I think that his name was proper to lead black people to freedom. There was a man in history named Martin Luther who was a catholic priest. He found in the Bible that the just shall live by faith, and he

broke away from the Catholic Church. His followers established the Lutheran church. Out of that came the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Charismatic and many others. Well, if we look back in history, we see God and the devil at war with each other over mankind. God does give man the right to choose the devil, which brings death; or they can choose Jesus, which brings life. Death is occurring today everywhere you look. Would you agree that it's because mankind is choosing the devil? The devil is hate; Jesus is love. Choose hate; you get the devil. Choose love; you get Jesus.

We are not living a good life or bad life based on the color of our body. We are living a life that's good or bad based on our choices. Today I encourage you to choose Jesus and His Word. Your life will be good.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

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7-19-20

***This Week's Daily Bible Readings**

Monday	Daniel chapter 11
Tuesday	Daniel chapter 12
Wednesday	Hosea chapter 1
Thursday	Hosea chapter 2
Friday	Hosea chapter 3
Saturday	Hosea chapter 4
Sunday	Hosea chapter 5

***Upcoming Events**

1. **Women's Dance Aerobics:** Mon, Wed, & Thur 10-11am; Fri 9:30-10:30
2. **Mobile Prayer:** Fridays 1:30-3pm in Sam's Warehouse Parking Lot
3. **Walk For Life:** Will be Saturday, August 15 at Elmer Thomas Park. Please join us to raise funds for the
Pregnancy Resource Center to save the unborn. Come visit the tables in the foyer
4. **Baptisms:** Sunday at end of Services

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**** Here is a list of the many gatherings we have for you to get together and fellowship with your brothers and sisters. Please take advantage of them, and you will bless yourself and others also.**

Sundays * Prayer: 9am Lee side entrance * Fellowship in Café 9:15-9:45 am. *
Services 10:45 am

Adult, Youth, and Children classes 9:45-10:30 am

Faith Class: -----Michael Whitley
Financial Class: -----Terry Boyd
Foundation 1 Class: ---Pastor Paul
Foundation 2 Class: ---Mike Wiggins
Healing Class: -----Lester/Monica Witherspoon
Marriage Class:-----Danny/Demetrius Williams
Prayer Class: -----Joe Cunningham
Children's Sunday School: 6 months - 5th grade
Youth Services: -----Lucas/Cyndi Moore
Young Singles/College & Career-Eliav/Kim Nash

Daily * Early Morning Prayer in Sanctuary: Monday-Friday6:15-7:15am
* Noonday Bible Study: Mon-Friday in Chapel on Lee Blvd side of
Church * Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon-Thur 10-11am; Fri 9:30-10:30 in the
Gym
Weekly * Adult, Youth & Children Services: Sunday 9:45 & 10:45 am; Wednesday night
7pm
Monthly * Men's Meeting: 9am 1st Saturday of each month at Golden Corral
* Crosses at the Corner: 12-1pm 1st Saturday at corner of Sheridan and
Cache Rd.
* Women's Meeting: 9am 2nd Saturday of each month
* Horse Ministry: 10am-1pm 3rd Saturday of each month