

FINDING FREEDOM

Free From Doubt

Ephesians 3:14-19

1. WHY WE NEED IT

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. ~ 1 John 5:13

Some Have False Hope

For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding Him up to contempt. ~ Hebrews 6:4-6

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. ~ 1 John 2:19

Some Have Little Hope

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ~ Galatians 1:6-7

Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? ~ Galatians 3:3

Some Have No Hope

We know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us. ~ 1 John 3:24

2. WHAT IT IS – Assurance is an increased consciousness of our union with Christ.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. ~ 1 John 3:1

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before Him. ~ 1 John 3:19

3. WHERE IT COMES FROM

The Promises of God

He has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ~ 1 Peter 1:4

The Work of God

And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. ~ 1 John 2:3

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. ~ 1 John 3:14

The Spirit of God

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us. ~ Romans 5:5

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. ~ Romans 8:15-16

4. HOW DO WE DEVELOP IT?

Become a Christian

Since then we have a great High Priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. ~ Hebrews 4:14-16

Recognize that this is a priority for you.

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. ~ 1 John 3:1

Practice His Presence

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ~ Romans 8:1-2

Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually! ~ Psalm 105:4