

BEAUTIFUL SURRENDER:
The Freedom in a Surrendered Life

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The word surrender conjures up all sorts of images in our minds and they are usually always bad.
- B. Many times when we hear the word surrender we think about losing something instead of gaining it.
- C. Surrendering is not always a bad thing. In fact, surrendering can be a good or even beautiful thing.

BIG IDEA: When we surrender our lives to Jesus we do not lose anything, but we gain everything.

JESUS CALLS US TO SURRENDER OUR LIVES TO HIM (Luke 9:23-26)

- A. Too many people seem to think they can follow Jesus but still be in control of their lives and live according to their own ways.
- B. The apostles demonstrated their willingness to surrender to Jesus by leaving behind their livelihood and following Him (Matt. 4:18-22; Matt. 9:9).
- C. Not everyone was willing to surrender in order to follow Jesus (Matt. 19:16-22; John 6:60-69).

QUESTION: How can we find freedom if we are surrendering our lives to Jesus?

FREEDOM FOUND THROUGH SURRENDERING TO JESUS (Romans 6:1-14)

- A. We have freedom from our sins (vs. 1-3; 6-7).
 - 1. Sin is a big deal (Rom. 6:23; Isa. 53:6; Matt. 26:36-46).
 - 2. When we surrender to Jesus and are buried with Him in baptism, we die and are set free from our sins (Isa. 1:18; Jer. 31:34; I Jn. 1:7).
- B. We have the freedom to live a new life (vs. 4-6; 10-14).
 - 1. The word new means something that is totally new, having never existed before (2 Cor. 5:17).
 - 2. There is a new quality and character to our lives (Gal. 2:20; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:1-3; 10).
- C. We have the freedom to live with Him (vs. 8-9).
 - 1. Jesus was raised to live with God and we can be too (Mk. 16:16).
 - 2. Jesus is coming again to take home those who have surrender their lives to Him (Jn. 14:1-3; I Thess. 4:16-17).

CONCLUSION:

- A. When we surrender our lives to Jesus we do not lose our freedom, we gain it.
- B. We will never find true freedom until we surrender our lives to Jesus.
- C. Will you surrender your live to Jesus tonight and experience the freedom that only comes through such a beautiful surrender?