



Freedom



and
ORDER

God's Order in Creation

GEN 1: 2, 3

“The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.”

➔ The incredible order of the universe.

“You bring our chaos back into order...”

God's Order: The Word

JOHN 1: 1-3

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.”

→ The Word = LOGOS =
fundamental principles, foundation

God's Order: The Law

MATT 22:36-40

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

God's Freedom

JOHN 8:31-36

"To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

"I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it for ever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." "

God's Freedom: From Slavery

GAL 5:1

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

Jesus came to set us free from slavery to the guilt and shame of SIN

– free from rebelling against God's ORDER.

Paradox: **We are set free to return to God's order!**

Man's False Order & Freedom

- False Order brings us under oppression – to conform to a human pattern.
- False Freedom tells us we are free to do as we like – to please ourselves.

We are created to live in freedom within God's order.

Our Response

GAL 5:13

“You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.”

- How are you using the freedom Christ has bought for you?
- Are you living in God's order its various aspects: your finances, your relationships, your use of time, and with God's church family?