

Freedom in Christ Is Like a Dream Come True

When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream. –Psalm 126:1

The Christian life experienced to its fullest is also a dream come true. Most believers are living far beneath their privileges. Jesus promised, “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). Are you living with an abundance of power, resources and joy? The supernatural power of God is our heritage. The fruit of the Spirit is our promise. Having led hundreds of people to freedom in Christ, I can say honestly that for many of them, life becomes new, fresh and exhilarating. One young lady was suffering from anorexia nervosa—self-destructive starvation.

Although she had seen some counselors, her problem was not physical but spiritual. After extended counseling, she rejected the enemy and his deception. The truth set her free. She is now active for Christ and especially enjoys singing in the choir.

People who have been set free from the enemy’s strongholds invariably experience an amazing awakening to the spiritual life. Suddenly their eyes are open to all that they have in Christ.

In the early 1950s, before cruises became the vogue, a poor man booked a passage from London to the United States in order to see his family. On board, he stuck to himself and never entered the dining room.

Toward the end of the journey, passengers asked him why he did not eat in the dining room. “Oh, I could afford only a ticket for the trip. But I brought along cheese and crackers to sustain me,” he assured them.

“Sir, the food is included in the price of the ticket!” his fellow passenger said. It is possible to live the Christian life this way. We must realize that our commitment to Christ has brought us all that we need for this life and the life to come.

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