

BRIGHT STAR COMMUNITY CHURCH

A STAR in the West Leading People to CHRIST

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And when this happens, and when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: "Free at last. Free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last."

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I need to be free from

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John 8:30 (NIV)

**Even as he spoke, many put
their faith in him.**

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Jesus says those who believe (which includes each of us today) that we must believe and also “hold to His teaching.”

What is Jesus saying?

- o “If you stick with this.” (MsgB)
- o “If you keep obeying my teaching.” (NLT)
- o “If you live by what I say.” (GW) God’s

Word Translation

- o “If you abide in my word.” (NKJV)
- o “If ye continue in my word.” (KJV)

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- In Romans 12: 9 – 13, Paul lists at least 12 ways to live out your faith in front of everyone. They include:
- *1. Love Sincerely.* Don't fake it.
- *2. Hate evil.* Love what is good and right and true.
- *3. Be kind.* Jesus modeled this...copy Him.
- *4. Be unselfish.* Consider the needs of others more often.
- *5. Be enthusiastic.* Passion is contagious.
- *6. Stay fired up.* Fan the flame on your spirit.

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- **7. *Be alert for great opportunities!* Be ready when God open Doors, Don't procrastinate.**
- **8. *Hope Continuously.* Don't give up.**
- **9. *Victory in trials.* Keep looking up.**
- **10. *Persevere in prayer.* Pray expectantly, not out of expectation.**
- **11. *Give generously. Tithes & Offerings and Gratefully share with others.***
- **12. *Be hospitable.* Invite others to join you.**

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Matthew 25:34-46

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

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37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

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41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

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44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

45 "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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But why has Jesus set us free?

What good is it to be free if you don't know what you are free to be?

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Freedom From the Penalty of Sin

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But Jesus shows us that when we believe and abide we are

Free to be an **AUTHENTIC DISCIPLE**,
Free to be **ACQUAINTED** Intimately
with the truth, and
Free to be **FREE**.

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