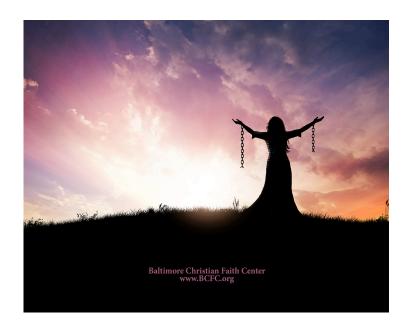
## BORN TO BE FREE! Pastor's Desk – November 20, 2016



The longing to have "Freedom" is something we all have been born with. Men will go to great extent and even go to the point of dying in order to achieve freedom. Unfortunately everything around us will lead in one way or another into bondage. The decaying nature of man will in one way or another eventually hold us captive to something other than the Word of God.

Nevertheless, there is hope for us all, as our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ declared in John 8:36: "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." The new living translation says it better than any other translation: "So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free." One may ask freedom from what? Freedom from addiction, freedom from sin, freedom from fear, freedom from anxiety, and the list goes on and on! The point is "He came to set us free!" We were born to be free. The folks of old knew that. Listen to these words in Psalms18:3: "Adonai is my Rock, my fortress and deliverer..." and Isaiah 43:11: "I, yes I, am Adonai; besides me there is no deliverer." The (CEV) puts Isaiah 43:11 so well: "I alone am the LORD; only I can rescue you." Then we come to New Testament and we read Luke 2:11: "This very day, in the town of David, there was born for you a Deliverer who is the Messiah, the Lord."

The bottom line is we are eternally set free from the hands of the enemy, from all kinds of sin, bondage, accusations, curses and every sin that may entangle us. For every little thing that would hold us enslaved, there is freedom when we run to Jesus. You and I were born to be free and nothing should stop us from being free. We've got a great Deliverer who is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let's enjoy the freedom that only He can give us!

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