

FREE AT LAST!

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Isaiah 9:2 – The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,
upon them a light has shined.

John 8:31-32 – Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him,
“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.
And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

In a season when most of the people are thinking about getting or giving something to someone or themselves, what about receiving the gift of freedom and/or sharing it with someone who may be dwelling right now in the land of the shadow of death? Jesus says in the Gospel of John that He is able to make mankind free. “Free from what?”, one might ask. We can be free from any and all things that are holding us captive. It may be drugs, alcohol, nicotine, pornography, food, lust, depression, sickness, fear, and much more. Almost all of

these things constitute dis-ease. We can be free from all dis-ease by simply getting to know the truth about Jesus Christ and His Word. By simply knowing and acting upon the Word of G-d, deliverance can take place immediately.

In John 8:36, the Lord went on to say: "If the Son shall set you free, you shall be free indeed." That's G-d's promise to every believer and anyone willing to believe. When we continue in His Word, it does not matter how dark the valley might be! There is a reward freely given to the people who dwelt in the valley of the shadow of death, or walked in darkness; it is a treatment, a benefit, a new light that will shine in their horizon to illuminate the darkness that may still hover over their lives. Sin and sickness are tools used by the devil to attempt to destroy our lives; but thanks be to G-d who gives the victory through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Why not accept and share the best gift one could ever give or receive: the gift of freedom only found in our Lord Jesus Christ. That's why He came. Have a Merry Christmas and a free New Year!!!

In Him, your fellow servant,

Pastor Paul Santos