

Freedom From Habitual Sin

1 John 5:18



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- This is one of those verses that makes us uncomfortable because of what we know about ourselves.
- Does this passage teach that Christians are incapable of sin?
- Such a suggestion is absurd.
- Scripture contradicts this idea
 - Romans 3:23; I John 1:8-10; Phil. 3:8-14

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- So then, what is the meaning of the passage?
- Those who are committed to God and continue to walk in his way practice righteousness and do not choose to practice sin.
- Listen to 1 John 3:9 for a similar statement that gives commentary to this thought.
- Therefore, John is referencing continued, persistent, willful sin.

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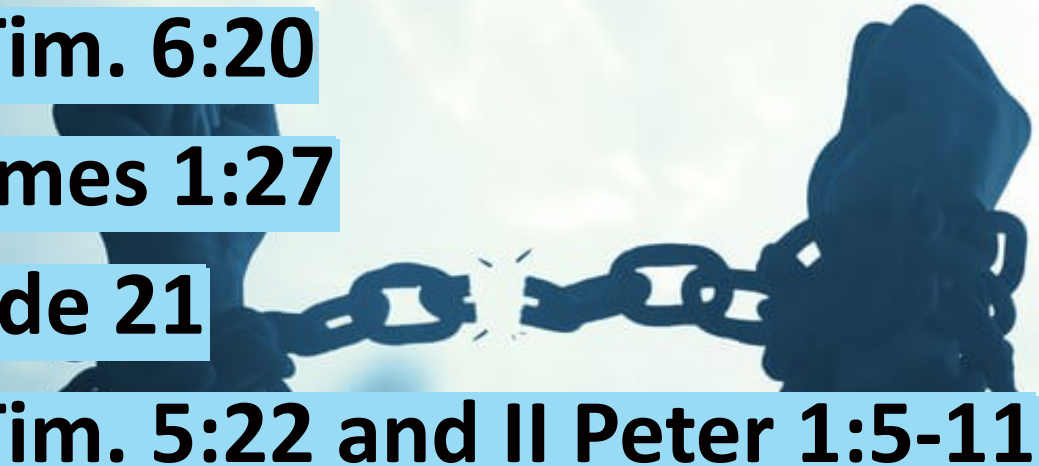
IS BORN OF GOD

- A better statement is begotten and indicates the idea of God bearing us.
- It means then the gracious act of God in conferring upon those who believe the status of children imparting to them spiritual life.
- How does this happen? (John 3:9) – I Pet. 1:22-25

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VALUES CHRISTIAN LIVING

- I Peter 5:8-9
 - I Tim. 6:20
 - James 1:27
 - Jude 21
 - I Tim. 5:22 and II Peter 1:5-11
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- The background of the slide features a soft-focus image of two figures in dark hoodies against a bright, cloudy sky. One figure is in the foreground, and another is slightly behind and to the right. A chain is visible, connecting the two figures, with one link appearing to be broken or glowing, symbolizing liberation or freedom from sin.

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HAS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM SATAN

- Jesus protects us.
- Jesus spoke of keeping his disciples in John 17:12
- John 10:25-30
- I Peter 3:13

