

# Freedom:

## *Seven Lesser Known Gifts of Our Reformation Heritage*

Part 2

### His Own Special People

1 Peter 2:9-10

#### Introduction:

Freedom: *Our Vital Stewardship of the Gifts of the Reformation*

*The Biblical Vision of the Christian's Freedom (as Preserved in Our Reformation Heritage):*

#### I. The Priesthood of Every Believer

The Defining Doctrine of "God's Presence" -

The Hard History of the Old Testament -

The Glory of Christ's Priesthood - **1 Timothy 2:5-7 & the Whole Book of Hebrews**

The Glory of the Christian's Position - **1 Peter 2:9-10; Hebrews 10:19-21 & "The Veil"**

Freedom: *Upholding the Biblical of Reformation offer of Unmediated Fellowship with of Service to God*

#### II. The Freedom of the Individual Conscience

*The Pharisees, Galatian Judaizers of All Man-made Fences -*

*Paul's Scathing Defense of Freedom - **Galatians 5:1-6***

*Paul's Surprising Claims of Personal Freedom (with Love) - **1 Corinthians 9:19-23***

*The Liberty of the Christian Conscience:*

A. Our Minds -

B. Our Behavior - **Colossians 2:13-23, 1 Timothy 4:1-6**

### III. The Perspicuity of Scripture

#### A. A History of Prohibition & Mediation:

*Gnosticism* -

*An Era of "Allegory"* -

*An Era of Unavailability* -

*An Era of Approved Authority* -

#### B. A Reformation Recovery:

1. The Power of Scripture    **Isaiah 55:11, Hebrews 4:11**

2. The Sufficiency of Scripture    **Sola Scriptura**

3. The Relevance of Scripture    **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

4. The Perspicuity of Scripture

5. The Scriptures & Pastoral Calling    **2 Timothy 4:1-3, 1 Timothy 4:12-16, Acts 6:2-4**

### IV. The Primacy of Preaching

#### A. Why Biblical Preaching Reflects Freedom

#### B. Why Freedom Requires Biblical Preaching:

1. It Magnifies God, Grace & the Goodness of Our Standing in Christ

2. It Equips Biblical Students

3. It Cultivates a Berean Appetite & Engagement    **Acts 17:11**

#### Next Week:

##### **His Image Bearers:**

V. Our Union with Christ

VI. Our Inheritance of the World

VII. The Holiness of Everyday Life