

Thank God for physical liberty

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BIG SANDY, Texas—The amount of physical liberty you have depends a great deal upon where you were born. Some people were born into a society that enslaves its citizens, while other people were born into a society that allows its citizenry to experience a few priceless freedoms.

Another factor affecting physical liberty is the reality that some people have escaped the clutches of tyranny by moving to countries that allow more physical freedom.

Must a believer remain in an environment of slavery? Or is it permissible for him to change his environment?

At this time, let's notice 1 Corinthians 7:21.

1 Corinthians 7:21—"Were you called while a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use it."

Paul encouraged believers to take advantage of an opportunity to become free.

Of course, if a believer never has the opportunity to become physically free, he has the power to be mentally, emotionally and spiritually free.

Peter talked about experiencing difficult situations.

1 Peter 1:6-7—"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Paul also talked about experiencing difficult situations.

Philippians 4:11-12—"Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need."

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