

John 8 v 36 “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed”

John 8 v 32 “Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”

Galations 5 v 1 “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then...”

The other day I was out walking in the countryside with Glen. I had walked that way many times before, but what was different that day was Glen was without his lead!

You see Glen is a three year old Cockerpoo who loves walking but he also loves sniffing, finding puddles (muddy ones are the best), chasing rabbits, barking at birds and aeroplanes, and so you get the picture.

In order not to lose him and also not to have to shower him every time we come home, I have always kept him on a lead. But, we had been out the previous day with the lead on as normal, when he had pulled in the opposite direction and oops, the collar pulled over his head and he was free!! So there we were out in the country with so much of what he loves going on all round about him. What was going to happen? You can understand my apprehension! However, to my pleasant surprise, he simply trotted beside me. He occasionally stopped for a sniff and a wee run but would always check where I was and come back. So we continued all the way back to the house.

And here we were again the next day - out walking and no lead!

As I was walking and looking at him with utter delight (quite the proud mum) I said to him (Yes I do talk to my dog!) “You see Glen, freedom comes with obedience.”

Then I had a wee chuckle to myself!

You see, the same applies to you and me. As we live our lives in obedience to Christ, we experience that wonderful freedom.

The old hymn puts it well:

“Trust and obey, For there’s no other way,
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey”.

Staying close to God, looking to Him, staying on the path and not making any detours off the beaten track are all what God wants us to do.

Its obedience to Him. It’s the way to have a full and free life.

So, no matter our circumstances, our difficult situations, our hurts, pains, tears we do have this freedom in Christ.

We were bought by His blood and healed by His stripes.

No longer judgement and facing condemnation.

But a glorious hope, a future secured and, ultimately, a home in Heaven.

Freedom comes with Obediance.