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Highlight key: = grace / apart-from-works truth · = the precious gift · **bold** = key terms

In His Presence — Deliverance and Miracles

In His presence there is **deliverance**, **solution**, and **miracle**. Last week: four benefits of hearing — victorious, noble, grace multiplied, and healed.

- Hear again and again — Israelites heard once and stalled 40 years
- Grace and peace **multiplied** by knowledge of Christ — 2 Peter 1:2
- You choose the **speed** of your blessing
- Focus on **Jesus only** — not law mixed with gospel

Two Trees — Life vs Knowledge of Good and Evil

Eden had two trees. Knowing good and evil makes you focus on **yourself**; knowing Christ makes you focus on **Him** — and give Him the glory.

- Tree of life = Jesus — I am the way, truth, and life
- Eating is fighting — feed on Christ, not self-improvement
- Psalm 23 — table prepared before enemies; eat and fight
- Good and evil knowledge → self-focus; Christ → God gets glory

Tree of Knowledge	Tree of Life
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Focus on yourself	Focus on Christ
Earn by reward system	Eat freely — gift of God
Mix law and gospel	Spirit, Son, Father — freedom

What Separates You From Christ? — Galatians 5:4

Bible's answer: trying to be **justified by the law**. Christ becomes of *no effect* — fallen from grace — even while you pray and read.

- Romans 3:10 — no one righteous by own effort
- Jesus sent the self-righteous away; welcomed sinners
- Pharisees did good works but trusted themselves — Christ had no effect
- Come as you are — He cleanses; sin does not separate the believer

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Freedom Through the Spirit

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **freedom**. Acts 10:44 — while Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard.

- Greek *fell* = embrace — like the father hugging the prodigal son
- Galatians 3:2 — Spirit by hearing with faith, not works of law
- Galatians 3:5 — miracles come by hearing of faith
- Specific gospel words bring the Spirit — not random Bible reading

2 Corinthians 3:17 (ESV)

*“Now the Lord is the **Spirit**, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **freedom**.” — 2 Corinthians 3:17 (ESV)*

Acts 10:44 (ESV)

*“While Peter was still saying these things, the **Holy Spirit** fell on all who **heard the word**.” — Acts 10:44 (ESV)*

Galatians 3:2 (ESV)

*“Did you receive the **Spirit** by works of the law or by **hearing with faith**?” — Galatians 3:2 (ESV)*

Galatians 3:5 (ESV)

*“Does he who supplies the **Spirit** to you and works **miracles** among you do so by works of the law, or by **hearing with faith**?” — Galatians 3:5 (ESV)*

Freedom Through the Son

If the Son sets you free, you are **free indeed**. Abide in His word — know the truth; the truth sets you free.

- John 8:36 — the Son makes you free indeed
- John 8:31-32 — abide in My word; truth sets you free
- Galatians 5:1 — do not return to the yoke of slavery
- Romans 8:1-2 — no condemnation; Spirit of life sets you free

John 8:36 (ESV)

*“So if the **Son** sets you free, you will be **free indeed**.” — John 8:36 (ESV)*

John 8:31-32 (ESV)

*“31 If you **abide in my word**, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the **truth**, and the truth will **set you free**.” — John 8:31-32 (ESV)*

Galatians 5:1 (ESV)

*“For **freedom** Christ has set us free; **stand firm** therefore, and do not submit again to a **yoke of slavery**.” — Galatians 5:1 (ESV)*

Romans 8:1-2 (ESV)

*“1 There is therefore now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the **Spirit of life** has **set you free** in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.” — Romans 8:1-2 (ESV)*

Freedom Through the Father — Eat Freely

The prodigal came to himself — the Father’s servants had **bread enough**. Greatest honour: enjoy what Jesus paid for at the cross — *eat freely*, not earn.

- Genesis 2:16 — **freely eat** — gift, not reward
- Hear about **Jesus only** — Father said: Hear Him
- Blessing is a gift, not wages — do not return to slavery
- Christ has set us free — choose the Tree of Life daily

Luke 15:14,17 (ESV)

*“And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. But when he **came to himself**, he said, ‘How many of my **father’s hired servants** have **more than enough bread**, but I perish here with hunger!’” — Luke 15:14,17 (ESV)*

Acts 10:43 (ESV)

*“To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who **believes** in him receives **forgiveness of sins** through his name.” — Acts 10:43 (ESV)*

Psalms 103:10

*“He has **not dealt with us according to our sins**, **Nor punished us** according to our iniquities.” — Psalms 103:10*

What Peter Preached — Spirit Falls on Hearers

Acts 10:43 — forgiveness through His name. John 5:24 — hears My word and believes → eternal life, no condemnation.

- Jeremiah 17:10 — God searches the heart; reward is not by self-effort
- Holy Spirit fell while Peter preached — not during law sermons
- Hear Jesus only — transformed Peter's message brings the embrace
- Freedom is complete: Spirit, Son, and Father together

John 5:24 (ESV)

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever **hears my word** and **believes** him who sent me has **eternal life**. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."* — John 5:24 (ESV)

Jeremiah 17:10

*"I the LORD **search the heart** and examine the mind, to reward each person **according to his conduct**, according to what his **deeds deserve**."* — Jeremiah 17:10

The Takeaway

1. **In His presence** — deliverance, solution, and miracles.
2. **Tree of Life vs Tree of Knowledge** — choose grace.
3. **Four benefits of hearing** — victorious, noble, grace, healing.
4. **Christ has set us free** — do not return to slavery.
5. **Eat freely** — the gift of God, not the reward system.

Scripture-based study on freedom through Spirit, Son, and Father — choosing the Tree of Life. If it strengthened you, share it with someone who needs this truth today.