

Taste of Freedom

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.—John 8:32

In just a few days we will be celebrating our freedom, yet, this week we were shocked. When Miriam Ibrahim's death sentence was overturned, she was released only to be rearrested by the Sudanese security police. Miriam, a medical doctor, had been imprisoned facing a death penalty for her unwillingness to deny her Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Saturday it was reported that she was out on bail and has taken refuge in the US Embassy but is not free.

Can you imagine how sweet her freedom must have felt as she walked to the airplane with her husband, and two children, her young son, and her newborn daughter? She was on her way to the United States but moments before she boarded the plane, she was snatched out of the presence of American diplomats and taken with her family to some unknown place, possibly to be tortured or executed. Man may take away her freedom but God's freedom is eternal.

Merriam Webster's Dictionary gives a definition of freedom that includes "*liberation from slavery or restraint or from the power of another*". God has promised to free us from the slavery of sin, from the restraints put upon us by the power of evil. He assured us that Satan will no longer have control over us.

Christ has paid the price for our freedom. He has promised that His truth shall set us free and that freedom is forever.

*Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin
And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.
Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.— John 8:34-36*