

ULTIMATE FREEDOM



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY





“Religion has been oppressive for a long time,” he said. “I didn’t know that I would kind of become the face of religion when really I’m not a religious person. I think there’s a distinction between being religious — adhering to the customs created by man, oftentimes appropriating the awe reserved for who I believe is a very real God — **and using it to control people, to take money from people, to abuse children, to steal land, to justify hatred.** Whatever it is. The evil that’s in the heart of every single man has glommed onto the back of religion and come along for the ride.”

Chris Pratt

3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

4 "How can someone be born when they are old?"

Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

John 3

9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

John 3

10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?"

John 3

11 Very truly I tell *you, we* speak of what *we* know, and *we* testify to what *we* have seen, but still *you* people do not accept *our* testimony.

John 3

12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that **everyone who believes** may have eternal life in him.”

John 3

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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Freedom is not the absence of restraints.

Freedom is finding the right restraints that
ultimately liberate you.

14 For the love of Christ **constraineth** us

2 Corinthians 5

6 Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be
used to his own advantage;
7 rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Philippians 2

For God so loved the world

God loves us so much that He restricted Himself
because love is Yes AND love is No

Is it *easy* to love God?
It's *easy* for those who do it.

C. S. Lewis

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