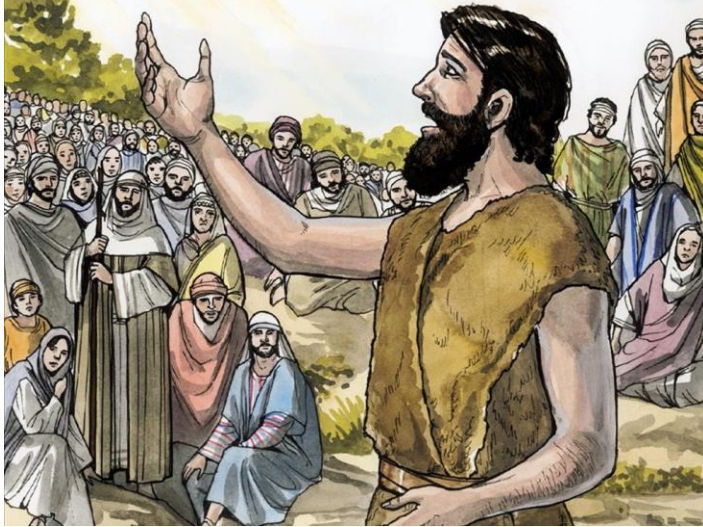


July 5th, 2020 Scripture: Matthew 11:16-19,25-30 Title: What Freedom Means To Believers

Introduction: In our Scripture for today, Jesus gives us the model of two men who lived free lives – John the Baptist and himself. The passage begins by Jesus explaining to his disciples the role of John the Baptist. He was the messenger who came to prepare the way for the Messiah.



Then Jesus came. He played a different tune. His message surprised even John the Baptist who expected him to come brandishing a sword. But Jesus would not conform to the expectations of either the Pharisees or John.



“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ (Matthew 11:16-17 NRSV).”

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” Galatians 5:1

THE NATURE OF OUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST

- A. The nature of our Freedom is not autonomous.
- B. The nature of our freedom is spiritual.

Conclusion

Jesus’ invitation to freedom:



“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30 NRSV)

