

Sermon 11-23-08  
**Living the “Set Free” Life (2 Peter)**

**1. The knowledge of God and of Jesus is the pathway to living the “set free” life (2 Peter).**

Grace and peace come through our knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord (1:2). Grace and peace are always in this order. We must first know the grace of God-that God has saved us, not through our merit, our character, or anything in us, but He has saved us because of our faith in Christ.

We are to know Him.

His divine power has given each of us the things which you and I need to live the “set free” life; the godly life (1:3). Once again we see the word knowledge and it is only through the knowledge of Christ that you can really learn to live down here and grow to be a more godly person.

**2. The Holy Spirit is our source for living the “set free” life (Jn. 14:16-17).**

The counselor/helper is the Holy Spirit. This Holy Spirit indwells all believers today and serves as our instructor, counselor, and source of spiritual power as we live for Christ’s glory and honor.

**Who is the Holy Spirit and why did He come (Jn. 16:13-15)?**

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, is God and possesses all the attributes of deity. His primary purpose is to glorify Christ and bring attention to Him by guiding each believer in all truth. He is our teacher that guides us into the truth of the Scriptures. It is by His power that the love of Christ flows through us and produces spiritual fruit within us (Jn. 7:37-39; 15:1-8). This spiritual fruit is described in a number of different ways in the New Testament, including friendship with Christ (Jn. 15:14); love for one another (Jn. 15:12); joy and peace in the midst of difficulties (Jn. 14:27; 15:11); steadfastness (Eph. 5:18-21); and evangelism and discipline (Mt. 28:18-20).

The Christian life is a supernatural one in which we draw on Christ as our resource for direction, encouragement, and strength. See metaphor in Jn. 15: 1-7; start with 14:27.