

Learning to Live Like Free People

Always Acting From Love Galatians 5:6; 13-14

God Acting From Love for Us

- Love is the expression of the Divine personality that corresponds to Deity's essential nature
 - Deity does not merely love, but is love
 - Christianity is the only religious experience that sets forth Deity as Love. In heathen conceptions the Deity is an angry being and in need of constant appearing (cult religions)
- The Father, John 3:16; I John 2:1
- Jesus, Galatians 2:20; I John 3:15

Jupiter in relief carving

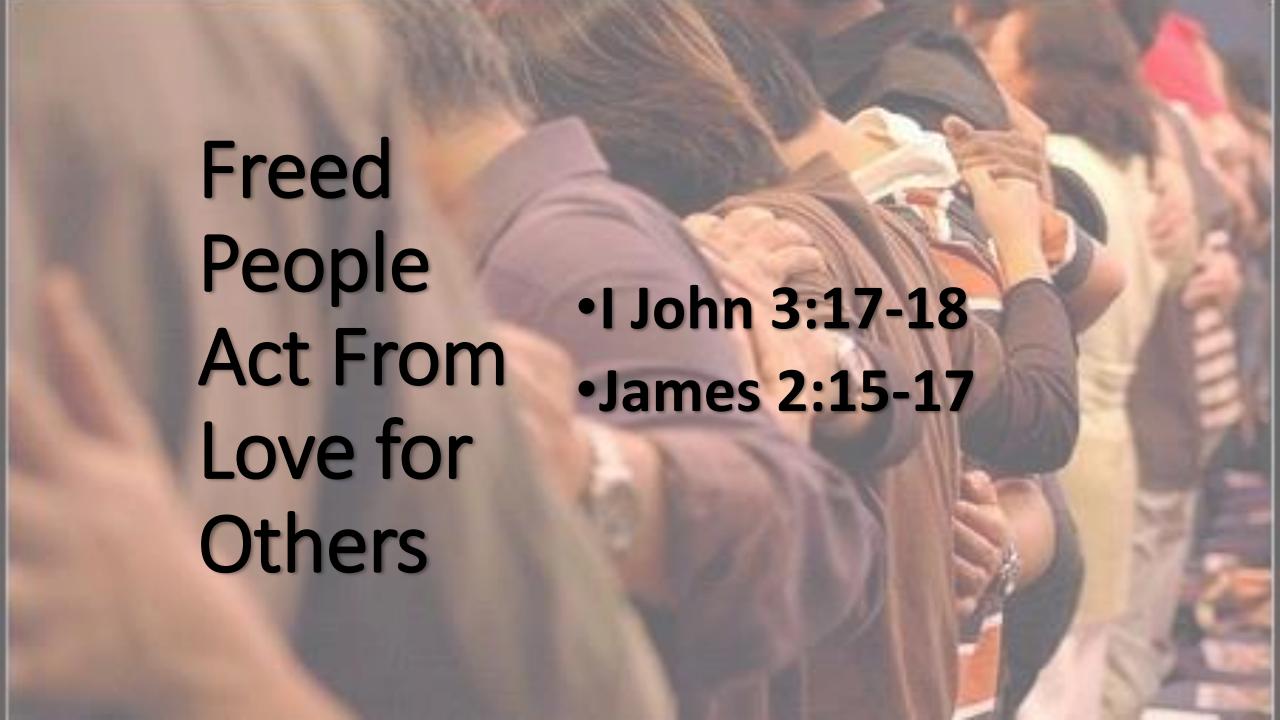
We Act From Love for God

- Keeping commandments
 - Jesus' commandments, John 14:15
 - Father's commandments, I John
 3:3; II John
 - Since the two are one, commandments from one are from the other,
- Keeping the Word
 - Jesus' word, John 14:23
 - II John 3



They would say, he answered, that you do not fail in obedience through lack of love, but have lost love because you never attempted obedience.

(C. S. Lewis)



Those who act out of fear

They do only what is necessary to avoid punishment,

Galatians 6:12

Those who act out of hope

They do only what is necessary to receive the reward

Those who act out of love

They know no bounds,

They seek to please the one they love, I Corinthians 7:32