

Christians believe that God has given to each person the free will and power to choose.

The gift of God's Spirit, guarantee of God's abiding presence is the foundation of Christian faith in the holiness of conscience.

Only in the knowledge of God's plan for us can we grasp that sin is an abuse of the freedom God gives created persons so that they are capable of loving him and one another.



FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY

Year 5 Topic 8



OUR BIG QUESTION

How do rules bring freedom?

REFLECTION

I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your ordinances before me.
I cling to your decrees,
O Lord; let me not be put to shame.
I run the way of your commandments,
for you enlarge my understanding.
Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding that I may keep your
law
and observe it with my whole heart.
Amen.

KEY VOCABULARY

freedom
responsibility

Beatitudes
Commandments

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20: 1-17

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

Isaiah 58: 3-8

Amos 5: 14-15






Mark 12: 28-31

Matthew 5: 1-17






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The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20: 1-17)

Ten Commandments

-  You shall have no other gods before Me
-  You shall make no idols
-  You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain
-  Keep the Sabbath day holy
-  Honor your father and your mother

Bibleinfo

-  You shall not murder
-  You shall not commit adultery
-  You shall not steal
-  You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor
-  You shall not covet

God gave these to **Moses** to teach people how to live.

The Shema Prayer (Deuteronomy 6: 4-9)

God gave his people a special reminder of their responsibility to love God. It is a prayer called **the Shema**. Jewish people recite this twice a day.

Isaiah 58: 3-8 teaches Christians to use kind words, help others, share food, provide shelter, clothes and happiness to those who need it.

The Greatest Commandment (Mark 12: 28-31)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength'.

The second most important commandment is this: 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself'.

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 1-17)

Jesus did a sermon on the mount. He taught these:

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice's sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye when they shall revile you, and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, untruly, for my sake: Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in heaven.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

During this **Sacrament**, Christians confess their **sins** to a priest to say sorry to God who will forgive them.

Before taking part Christians examine their consciences to decide what to confess. The priest will never reveal their confessed sins to anyone. Afterwards, the priest will give them a **Penance** to say sorry which might be some prayers to say or acts to do.