

Behind the Hymn: Freedom in You

*If the Son sets you free,
you will be free indeed.
(John 8:36, NIV)*

For years I took daily walks at the Kansas City Zoo. They were a wonderful gift from the Lord, allowing extended time for prayer, solitude, and thought.

Freedom in You is one of many, many hymns partially written during those walks. On February 26, 2000, I was particularly appreciative of my relaxed prayer time. I realized that as I enjoyed those morning prayer times, I was feeling and enjoying my freedom in Christ. *Freedom in You* began from those moments of gratitude.

The New Testament speaks of a oneness with Christ that can best be described as being *in Christ*. Such oneness is not born from strenuous effort or from personal merit, but from a simple, childlike, moment-by-moment trust in Him.

Being *in Christ* is the greatest freedom we can know. It is freedom to be all God wants us to be. It is freedom to be all that His loving and creative heart ever dreamed we could be. It is earth's greatest gift, and its perfection is what I anticipate most about heaven.

*I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.
You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will take me into glory.
Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.
(Psalm 73:23-26, NIV)*

--Ken Bible

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