

## "Freedom Is In You" - The story behind the song

Several years ago, I was preparing to lead worship at a church on the 4th of July weekend. The pastor there was going to be speaking about Freedom in Christ, and I was searching for a song that would coordinate with the message. I couldn't find exactly what I wanted to say, so I decided to write a song (which is what us musician types do). I was thinking about how so many people in the world are searching for freedom in their lives. All around us we see people bound by addictions, loneliness, depression, and they're searching for purpose in their lives. The truth is that sin binds us, and separates us from God. We understand from Romans 3:23 that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God, but the good news is that it doesn't stop there. Verse 24 says "and we are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." What great news! There is nothing that we can do on our own, but it's through Christ alone that we are saved, and we find freedom. John 8:36 says "If the Son makes you free, you are free indeed." Romans 8:1 says "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." That's where the song "Freedom Is In You" comes from. I pray it is a reminder today for of us who have received Christ, that we are free indeed.

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