

Word Study G558 *apeleutheros* freeman 1Co 7:21-22

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1Co 7:21-22 – You once being a servant ... if you are able to be free make use of it

²¹ Art thou called *being* a servant ^{G1401}? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free ^{G1658}, use *it* rather. ²² For he that is called in the Lord, *being* a servant ^{G1401}, is the Lord's freeman ^{G558}: likewise also he that is called, *being* free ^{G1658}, is Christ's servant ^{G1401}.

Comment 1 – contrasting **gifts** and **works**

I like Paul’s conditional statement “if you may be free”^A. There was nothing that Israel (especially the House of Israel) did or could do to have the capacity to be free, that was a **gift** from God. But having this capacity and acting on it are two different things. You have to **work** at being free (by accepting the remedy YHWH gives you) and you definitely have to **work** at keeping/guarding/holding onto/ “*Shomering*” your freedom, which is defined by your contract/covenant with YHWH.^B

Marsings Rules and Key Definitions #501, Rule 9: “To be a freeman, you need to be a bond servant”

Like the apparent contradictory rule “#8 - The law is for the lawless” more details are required. To be a freeman, i.e. one who is not a bond servant of another man, it is necessary to be a bond servant of Yeshua.

Comment 2 – called in the Lord *being* a servant is the Lord’s freeman

This sounds an awful lot like how “we (Israel) are in this world but not of this world”^C which has to be understood jurisdictionally. As ambassador to Messiah, the realm we are from or of is the Heavenly realm, but the physical location of our priestly office is found in this world. With that in mind, lets plug in some words that Paul is stating with the hope of gaining better clarity “For he that is called in the Lord, *being* a servant [thereby giving us authority from his realm] is the Lord's freeman [to operate in the physical world]...” ^{1Co 7:22}

^A LEB says “...But if indeed you are able to be free...”.

^B See Shomer-Habrit, article #2.

^C We-are-in-the-World-not-of-the-World, article #587.

Word Study

G558 *apeleutheros* **freeman** KJC:1 1Co 7:22

ἄπελεύθερος

From **G575** and **G1658**; one *freed away*, that is, a *freedman*: - freeman.^D

G575 *apo* **ἀπό**

A primary particle; “*off*”, that is, *away* (from something near), in various senses (of place, time, or relation; literally or figuratively): - (X here-) after, ago, at, because of, before, by (the space of), for (-th), from, in, (out) of, off, (up-) on (-ce), since, with. In composition (as a prefix) it usually denotes *separation, departure, cessation, completion, reversal*, etc.

LXX related word(s) **H8537** *batom*

KJC Occurrences: 53 ...

G1658 *eleutheros* **ἐλεύθερος**

Probably from the alternate of **G2064**; *unrestrained* (to go at pleasure), that is, (as a citizen) *not a slave* (whether *freeborn* or *manumitted*), or (generally) *exempt* (from obligation or liability): - free (man, woman), at liberty.

LXX related word(s) **H2356** *chor* **H2670** *chophshi* **H5315** *lenephesh* **H8269** *sar*

KJC Occurrences: 23

free, **19** **Mat** [17:26](#), **Joh** [8:33](#), **Joh** [8:36](#), **Rom** [6:20](#), **Rom** [7:3](#), **1Co** [7:21-22](#) (2), **1Co** [9:1](#), **1Co** [9:19](#), **1Co** [12:13](#), **Gal** [3:28](#), **Gal** [4:26](#), **Gal** [4:31](#), **Eph** [6:8](#), **Col** [3:11](#), **1Pe** [2:16](#), **Rev** [13:15-16](#) (2), **Rev** [19:18](#)

freewoman, **3** **Gal** [4:22-23](#) (2), **Gal** [4:30](#)

liberty, **1** **1Co** [7:39](#)

^D Interesting that this is the only place in the bible where this word “freeman” is used.