

# FREEDOM NOW!

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## I. ANALYSIS OF SELF-ABSORBED and SELF-DESTRUCTIVE SOCIETY

2 Tim.3:1-5

1. This is reality HERE AND NOW
2. Common thread in the list ? self-absorbed vs. Jesus-centered
3. DO NOT make yourself at home and feel comfortable. BUT, do seek to infiltrate and reconcile ---like Jesus

## II. WHAT SHOULD WE DO IN SUCH A TIME AS THIS

1. REJECT groveling in a self-righteous orgy of criticism/disdain of others
2. BETTER --Discern the truth: people/societies are SLAVES  
Jesus says-- “whoever sins is a slave of sin” John 8:34
3. BEST ----My own little “MeToo” movement
4. We ME ALSO are sinner --- 1Cor 6:9-11  
...that’s what some of you were but... washed → justified → sanctified by Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus
5. Jesus rescues lost slaves --- FORGIVENESS IS AVAILABLE

I Tim. 1: 12-17

## III. NOW AN AMAZING “SECRET”-----

### 1. IT’S PENTECOST !!!

By the Spirit, Jesus encounters us.

By the Spirit, we are bonded into union with the life of the resurrected Jesus.

By the Spirit we are made members of Christ.

By the Spirit we share in Jesus’ resurrected ministry. It is GRACE from beginning to end

2. Spirit of Jesus sets us FREE!!!!!!

From SLAVERY TO self-centered addiction - Free to be different

2 Cor. 3:17-18 ---we are being changed NOW !!!!

We have the power to change. We are no longer slaves to bad habits and instincts. We can really obey God and do what is right and loving.  
(Romans 8:1-9; 2 Cor. 3:17-18)

3. Power to do life Jesus’ way ----Phil. 2 life-style in the Spirit’s power
4. Jesus’ followers become an alternative culture within a sick society. We are the signs of HOPE that a new world is breaking in. We are empowered by the Spirit to become a counter-culture.  
Colossians 3:6-22

## NEXT STEPS????

1. Don’t use 2 Tim 3 list to dump on others or “society”
2. Do use list as part of “prayer of examen”
3. Remember I John 1:9f. ---embrace it + share it
4. Open your personality to the presence of the Holy Spirit