

# Why So Free?

How many of us realise that our civil liberties are a by-product of the Christian faith.

The undeniable fact is that you find civil liberties only in the countries that began with a Christian base.

Think about it for a moment.

Imagine, if you can, a Moslem country allowing a TV discussion about whether Mohammed is really Allah's prophet.

Bear in mind that converts to Christianity are summarily executed in Moslem lands.

Nor will you hear, in Israel, a public discussion on the topic, "Is Jesus the Messiah?"

Or consider this fact – in India they don't have open discussion on whether cows should be held sacred.

But in our country, Christian beliefs are often held up to ridicule and scorn by the media.

How ironic that this very freedom of speech is in fact a gift of Christianity!

The apostle Paul explained that we enjoy free speech and other civil liberties because "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." 2 Corinthians 3:17.

The positive impact of Jesus' life on this earth has been overwhelming.

In all the world's history, He is the greatest emancipator, and thus He is the ultimate civil libertarian.

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## GOOD NEWS IN BRIEF

Jesus has shown us the way to be free – He simply tells us to let Him govern our hearts from within, instead of letting man tyrannise us from without.

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