

Luke 4:18-19

¹⁸ "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE DOWNTRODDEN, ¹⁹ TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

We are told in Luke 4:16-17, that Jesus upon coming to His home town Nazareth went to the synagogue, because it was the Sabbath. He then stood up to read the scriptures as was His custom, and was handed the book of Isaiah. Our Lord then opened the book of Isaiah to chapter 61:1-2. Understand that chapters and verses were not in the book of Isaiah as we have today, yet Christ went exactly to this verse. After reading, He then sat down and made a profound statement to all that were in the synagogue that day. Verse 21 **And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."**

The only hope that any of us have in being totally free, is Jesus Christ! But freedom comes at a cost. Eternal salvation cost our Lord His life, and countless men and women have paid dearly for the freedom that we so often take for granted in this land. Unless each generation is willing to do the same that freedom will one day be gone forever! Today, school text books are being rewritten with lies about our nation's forefathers. The courts of our land are stripping us of our God given rights to pray, for our children to say the Pledge of Allegiance, and they are removing the Ten Commandments from the walls of our courtrooms. Even our military has the audacity to command our Chaplains not to speak the name of Jesus Christ. How in the world did we ever get to such a mess? Because the church stopped standing up to the onslaught of the enemy! I guess people were too embarrassed to take a stand. Today our Nation is facing one of the greatest battle's in our history, only this time no one seems to care. It is as if the church is on some sort of spiritual life support and in capable of defending herself. We have become such an easy target for whatever force of hell that wants to destroy us. Today people are more concerned with their financial status, than they are with their spiritual. No wonder the Muslims are having such an impact on this world. Certainly the press is doing their part to advance destruction of the church.

Certainly I am not advocating an eye for an eye. But I am convinced that you and I as believers need to stand up and let immigrants and non-Christians know that this land was founded on Judeo-Christian beliefs. That the very rights which they are trying to throw in our face came at the cost of men and women who were defending this nation and our God! If people are offended with the name Jesus Christ, with our freedom, our prosperity and our defense of the sovereign state of Israel; then let them go back to where they came from. Things have become so warped that even the word Christmas has become a no-no in our day and age. Let me be the first to say that I love my Lord Jesus Christ, and no longer am I going to tolerate a God-less agenda pushing their views on me and my faith! The only living God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!!