

"Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea. And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was free born." Acts 22:27-28



Roman citizenship carried with it great privileges. It could be purchased for great sums by freed slaves or soldiers, but some were born Romans. They were 'free born' citizens. It was their birthright. They were free

of harassment by the military and magistrates. They were free to travel anywhere in the empire. Believers are the children of the Eternal Emperor, and are inheritors by birth of all the privileges of the empire. There is no price that can be paid for this privilege. You must be born into it. Jesus told Nicodemus. *"Ye must be born again."* We are born again of the Spirit of God, *"freeborn."* We are free, because the Truth has made us free. *"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."* I dwell in the liberty of obedience to God's Word. I am free if I submit to the Emperor's law. The wealth of the empire is at my disposal should I need it. I am not only a citizen; I am a joint heir with the Son. I am free from death. I am free from care. I am free from poverty and want. I am free. Many think to try and purchase this freedom with good works and piety, but it cannot be. There's only one way into God's Family, the new birth. To be re-born one must repent and trust God's Word. Faithfull obedience to God's Word is the evidence of your trust.

Born with new Life from God above,
Blanketed with the folds of Love,
Born into freedom and liberty,
Freedom to live for eternity. ~CGP

Eternal life with God is the ultimate liberty. To exist in the realm of eternal pleasure is to be free indeed! There is no price to give, because you cannot purchase a gift. The price of the Gift was paid by our Saviour on Golgotha's hill, but it is freely given to any who will receive it. Heavenly citizenship was paid for in Blood. It is the privilege of all who are *free born*.

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32