

"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 KJV



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 *ōfree born.ö* It was their birthright. They were free of harassment by the military and magistrates. They were free to travel anywhere in the empire.

A Roman could, by adoption, make a non-Roman a Roman, but the adoption was another's choice and expense. Believers are the children of the Eternity's sovereign Emperor, and are inheritors by birth AND adoption of all the privileges of the empire! *ōFor as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.ö* No price can be paid for this citizenship! It has already been paid! You must be born into it. Jesus told Nicodemus. *ōYe must be born again.ö* Believers are born again of the Spirit of God, *ōfreeborn.ö* Free, because the Truth has made them free. *ōJesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.ö* I'm freed through the liberty of believing God's Word. I am freed by submitting to the Emperor. The wealth of the empire is mine should I need it. I am not only a citizen; I am a *ōjoint heirö* 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 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. Repentance is not feeling bad about sin, although you will: repentance is changing what you believe about your sin and believing God. The lost man does not think his sin is evil. *"If we confess our sins (that they are evil), He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep (obey) His commandments."* Obedience to God's Word is the evidence of your bloodline!

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 *"it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast."* Its price was paid by Jesus Christ on Golgotha's hill and is freely given to *"whosoever will"* receive it. Heavenly citizenship was paid for in Blood. It is the birthright of all who are *ōfree bornö*.

"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 KJV