

4. Realise that the only way you can be forgiven is to repent of (turn your heart away from) your sin, and put your faith in the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ that was shed on the cross.

There is no other way to find forgiveness. Your church cannot save you. Your religion cannot save you. Your good works cannot save you. If any of these could, God would not have sent His Son to die on the cross in your place. All you can do is repent and believe. John 3:36 "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him"

It may seem so easy, yet it cost God so much! There is nothing you can add to what the Lord Jesus did for you 2000 years ago. Will you allow Him to set you free today?



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St Patrick



A Freedom Fighter?

The Irish people feel very strongly about freedom. As a nation we have learned through many centuries the tyranny of oppression. I wonder though are we really free? Do we know the joy of true freedom?

St Patrick came to Ireland about 1600 years ago to set the people of Ireland free, not from physical bondage but from spiritual bondage. Unfortunately we know little of that freedom today. Patrick did not bring religion to Ireland, nor did he bring a church. Contrary to popular tradition, there is no record that Patrick was ever ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood, nor does he mention the Roman Catholic Church in his writings! How then did Patrick set the people free? He introduced them to the truth and the truth set them free. Let me explain.

According to St Patrick's own writings, he was sent back to Ireland by the Lord Jesus Christ to set the Irish free. That meant introducing them to the One who only could set them free,

Jesus Christ. John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me". Jesus then is the truth.

John 8:32 "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Only He, as the truth, can set people free.

Let me then ask you a personal question. Have you been set free? Have you met the One who is freedom? Ireland has sought freedom through the gun, through politics, and through religion, but Ireland will only find true freedom in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not more religion we need, it is freedom through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. You can find that freedom that Patrick brought to Ireland, and this is how:

1. Realise that you are not just a sinner, but that you are under the authority of sin. Romans 3:23 states, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Jesus said "Verily, verily, I say unto you,

whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin" (John 8:34). Sin is a hard taskmaster, and it will bring judgment from an all holy God.

- 2.** Realise that sin requires payment to be made. Romans 6:23 states, For the wages of sin is death; and Revelation tells us that "death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (20:14-15).
- 3.** Realise that God took upon Himself your blame and suffered on the cross in your place. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). Knowing that we had no way to pay Him back for all the lies and other sins we committed, God in His mercy sent His Son to die on the cross in our place. He died, was buried, and rose victoriously on the third day.