

**FREEDOM**  
**PART 3 ~ RETURN TO INNOCENCE**  
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Innocence Defined:

- **The state of being free from guilt or shame**
- **Having a clear conscious**
- **The state of being unacquainted with evil**
- **Having clean hands**
- **Righteous**

Innocence Lost

- Romans 5:12
    - Loss of innocence is not always is what you've done, it's also in what you **know.**
  - I Corinthians 15:22a - For as in Adam all die...
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Result of Innocence Lost

- **Guilt/shame**
- **Doubt/Fear**
- **Pride/Selfishness**
- **Unforgiveness(resentment)/judgement**

**Christ** restored our innocence.

- Colossians 2:11-15
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## Innocence Restored

From guilt/shame to **righteousness** and **boldness**

- II Corinthians 5:17-19; 21
- Proverbs 28:1

From pride/selfishness to **humility** and **generosity**.

- Luke 6:30-38

From doubt/fear to **sonship** and **trust**.

- Romans 8:15-17
- Romans 8:32-27

From unforgiveness(resentment)/judgement to **love** and **mercy**.

- Romans 13:8-10
- Matthew 7:12

## Maintaining Your Innocence

**Deny** yourself and follow Jesus.

- Matthew 16:24
  - The biggest stumbling block in our lives is “self”.

**Continue** in the Word.

- John 8:31-32; 36

**Forgive** others and yourself.

- Mark 11:25-26

Choose the path of **humility**) and stay off the path of **pride**.

- James 4:6