

True Freedom

Cornel Verster

*"For the creation itself was subjected to frustration,
not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who
subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be
liberated from its bondage to decay and brought
into the freedom and glory of the children of God."
Romans 8:20-21 (NIV)*

My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You.

*³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question
to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great
commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him,
"You shall love the Lord your God with all your
heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And
a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as
yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend
all the Law and the Prophets."
Matthew 22:35-40 (ESV)*

My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You.

⁹What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin. ¹⁰As it is written:
"There is no one righteous, not even one;
¹¹there is no one who understands;
there is no one who seeks God.
¹²All have turned away, they have together become worthless;
there is no one who does good, not even one."
Romans 3:9-12 (NIV)

My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You.

Justification:

1. Showing something to be right or reasonable
2. Being found acceptable by God

My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You.

¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are the slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?
Romans 6:16 (ESV)

My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You.

*"I think everybody should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so that they can see that it's not the answer."
- Jim Carrey*

My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You.

*²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight...
Romans 3:20a (ESV)*

My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You.

*⁴though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
Philippians 3:4-9 (ESV)*

My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You.

*⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith
Philippians 3:4-9 (ESV)*

My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You.

*³For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated and hating one another. ⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
Titus 3:3-5 (ESV)*

My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You.
