

To God be the glory!

It is amazing to realize how God works! For quite some time Eleutheros Books has worked and prayed that God would make it possible for *The Ramifications of Our Salvation* to be printed in Kenya. Now it is clear that it will happen!

Here are the relevant circumstances: Eleutheros Books came into contact with a Christian author/artist in Wisconsin. Her name is Maria Schaefer. Maria has written a book of poetry and had a Christian business lady in Kenya translate the book into Swahili. The translator's name is Alice. Maria realized that a printer was needed. Eleutheros Books realized that a translator was needed. After a number of phone calls and emails God brought a Christian man from Kenya named Stephen into contact with Eleutheros Books. Stephen is doing all he can to serve our Savior!

Very quickly Stephen made contact with a Christian missionary/printer in Nairobi. His name is Tim Kelly. More emails were sent, and Alice visited with Tim. It was clear that Tim's work is very good and his price for printing is reasonable.

The Ramifications of Our Salvation is in a 6 x 9 format in English, but because Tim's press in Kenya can handle a maximum of 5.5 x 8 two more obstacles had to be overcome. First, the book cover had to be resized. A man named Gary Petrie in Pennsylvania did his usual excellent work. The real challenge was reformatting the text of the book.

Eleutheros Books readily admits that it does not readily possess the "knowhow" to do that kind of work, but God brought a kind man named Martin, a local library employee, to offer advice that proved to be very helpful.

A few days later the book cover was complete and sent to Tim in Nairobi. The next day the text of the book was sent.

God willing, *A Portrait of Jesus* will be printed and translated as well.

Many might say that making contact with Maria (in Wisconsin), Alice and Tim (in Kenya), Gary (in Pennsylvania) and Martin (in Ohio) was the result of diligent networking. To take that attitude would be wrong, however. This was the handiwork of God!

And to Him be the glory!

The book will soon be printed and made available in Kenya and surrounding countries. Details of how people in Africa can make a purchase will be revealed in an upcoming newsletter.

Liberty

*If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed
([John 8:36](#)).*

The thoughts here are a continuation from the November newsletter.

1. Believers need to stand up against false teaching that destroys liberty! *Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing ([Galatians 5:1-2](#)). There were “Judaizers” in Galatia who taught that salvation was partly by faith but insisted that being circumcised and remaining under the law were more important. Paul made it clear that this teaching was not the Gospel and should be rejected (see his strong words in [Galatians 1:6-9](#))!*

2. Christian liberty should never be used as an excuse to sin. *For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as servants of God ([1 Peter 2:15-16](#)).*

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid! How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein ([Romans 6:1-2](#))?

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty, only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another ([Galatians 5:13](#)).

3. God’s liberty produces good results. *For if any be a hearer of the Word, and not a doer, he is like a man beholding his face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed ([James 1:23-25](#)).*

4. God’s liberty judges wrongdoing. *For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, also said, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty ([James 2:10-12](#)).*

5. God’s liberty brings great deliverance! *Because the creature itself shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ([Romans 8:21](#))*

6. Freedom in Christ allows believers to serve God! *Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for ye have yielded your members servants of uncleanness and to iniquity: even so now yield your members servants unto holiness. For when ye were servants of sin, ye were free from*

righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants of God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life ([Romans 6:18-22](#)).

To summarize, believers need to avoid the idea that we were saved by keeping the law (or any other “good work,” for that matter), for we are all sinners who surely cannot save ourselves ([Romans 3:23](#); [Ephesians 2:8-9](#)) Further, we do well not to be entangled with anything that keeps us from true worship and service to God!

On the other hand, as mentioned above, believers cannot use liberty as an excuse for worldliness or laziness! To put it another way, we are not saved by doing good works; but we will do good works if we are saved!

He Lifted Me

Charles H. Gabriel

*In loving kindness Jesus came
My soul in mercy to reclaim,
And from the depths of sin and shame
Through grace He lifted me!*

*Now on a higher plane I dwell,
And with my soul I know 'tis well:
Yet how or why, I cannot tell,
He should have lifted me!*

*From sinking sand He lifted me,
With tender hand He lifted me!
From shades of night
To plains of light,
O praise His name,
He lifted me!*