

*freedom  
in  
Christ*

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A lit matchstick is shown vertically on the left side of the image. The matchstick is light brown and has a dark, charred tip. A large, bright yellow and orange flame is rising from the tip, extending upwards and slightly to the right. The background is solid black, making the flame stand out prominently.

**There's nothing  
to stop the  
Church setting  
the UK on fire...**

**Will you fan the flames?**



### **Let's Light The Fire!**

*It's an incredible revelation when Christians discover who they are in Christ and what they have in Him. They suddenly realise that they have already been made holy, that they already have everything they need to live the Christian life in victory.*

*It's even more exciting to me when church leadership teams discover in our "Setting Your Church Free" process that in Christ they don't have to put up any longer with recurring patterns of sin, division and frustration. They already have everything they need to deal with the footholds of the enemy and change the spiritual atmosphere in their church.*

*But the really exciting prospect is when the one Church in an area gets to grips with the fact that unity and repentance have a major spiritual impact and can change the spiritual climate of that entire community. Paul tells us that the reason many people don't turn to the Lord is because their minds are "blinded" (2 Cor. 4:4). Unity and repentance can change that with the result that many see the truth and turn to Christ.*

*The bottom line is that Jesus has already done His part to enable us to set the UK on fire. We must now play our part.*

*Do you want to fan the flames? If so, this booklet is for you. In it we have set out brief details of the vision the Lord has given us to equip churches to apply "freedom principles" first of all to individual Christians, then to their own corporate structure and finally to their community.*

*We are looking for those whom the Lord is calling to work with us to fan it into flame. We need you. As we work together, there is absolutely no reason why we should not see whole areas turned upside down for Jesus.*

*In Him*

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Steve". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

**Steve Goss**  
*Executive Director*

# vision for freedom

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Galatians 5:1*

Do you want to see the UK set on fire by the great news that Jesus brought? We do.

Do you think that's actually a realistic proposition? We definitely do. We see no reason at all why the Church should not change the spiritual climate and make many fruitful disciples.

We are not interested in singing victory songs where there is no victory. Our aim is simply to help equip the Church to set the UK on fire – not for a fleeting revival but for an ongoing “reformation”.

This booklet briefly outlines how. We aim to equip churches to: help individuals apply Biblical “freedom principles”; take hold of corporate freedom; and finally see whole communities set free.

If you share the vision and want to help bring it about, please let us know by using the response at the back.

We are the Church of Jesus Christ and the gates of Hell can not prevail against us – unless we let them.

*...There is a breath of fresh air about this down-to-earth God-inspired approach...*

*Ben Davies, Bracknell Family Church*

*...Such spiritual common sense... a must!...*

*Gerald Coates, Pioneer*

*...This is not something that will come and go like a spiritual fashion...*

*John Groves, Winchester Family Church*

# individual freedom

*Go and make disciples of all nations. Matthew 28.19*

*...I am a new person and everyone  
has seen the difference...*

*...Even though I work for a church  
and have done many things for God,  
my walk had become a laboured  
trudge. Yet now I feel so at peace...*

*...I have a clear head, praise Jesus -  
it's not really been clear for years!...*

*... My life has been transformed. It  
truly was like walking from darkness  
back into light again...*

The Church is called to make **disciples** but we have tended to focus more on making **converts**. It's time to redress the balance.

Every Christian needs to learn to 'dump their spiritual baggage' so that they can know the truth, walk in freedom and bear fruit.

Even deeply wounded Christians can expect to walk free from the negative effects of the past.

Our vision is to equip and encourage church leaders so that new Christians learn "freedom principles" as a matter of course and become fruitful disciples.

The Freedom In Christ Discipleship Course has already been used by around 100,000 people in the UK. Additional resources are being developed.



# corporate freedom

*Our struggle is not against flesh and blood.* Ephesians 6:12

Churches can get stuck in patterns of division, strife and recurring sin. Good teaching and good mediation do not always resolve the issues.

*...Positive changes in the fellowship began to appear within 24 hours...*

*...The Freedom In Christ approach has radically changed our fellowship...*

*...People now apply the sermons instead of just listening to them...*

*...We have found the FIC approach revolutionary - it's thoroughly biblical and highly effective...*

It's easy to look inwards and assume that 'other people' are the problem. But that is to ignore the spiritual reality. We are not fighting people but 'spiritual forces of wickedness'. We ignore that truth at our peril.

Learning to adopt a Biblical worldview and resolving footholds that have been given to the enemy in the past are key to moving on.

Through our "Setting Your Church Free" process we equip church leadership teams to resolve negative patterns, division, recurring sin, control and entrenched issues. So that churches can then look outwards to their communities and see them transformed.



# community freedom

*I pray... that all of them may be one.* John 17:20-21

*Why is it that the early church saw thousands of people coming to the Lord and we do not?*

*Has God changed? No! Is Satan somehow stronger? No! Is the environment we are in "darker"? No! Is God not pouring His Spirit out? That's surely not it either. Has the Church changed?  
Hmm....*

*The one thing that Jesus prayed for those who would come after His disciples is that they would be one. Why? Where there is unity, God commands a blessing.  
Steve Goss*

As the one Church in your area learns how to deal with her own sin and resists the enemy, you can expect the spiritual climate to change. When it does, those whose minds are being blinded (2 Cor. 4:4) are far more likely to come to know the truth.

Once churches have processed these principles at the individual and corporate levels, the stage is set for them to encourage the one Church in their town or city to take hold of what it has in Christ to change the spiritual climate. We are there to act as catalysts and encouragers.

# how you can take part

*I always pray with joy... because of your partnership in the gospel.* Philippians 1:4-5

## Some Specific Suggestions:

- Host or attend one of our quarterly regional prayer meetings.
- Make FIC part of your giving as an individual or a church (ask us for a presentation you can use for this).
- Become a partner church and help others get up and running in your area
- Receive our monthly e-mail prayer letter.
- Facilitate an introduction for FIC to a local network of leaders.
- Host an FIC teaching event.

We are actively looking for churches and individuals who share the vision we have outlined.

If you do, could you please return the response form overleaf (even if there is no specific way you can help right now). We will keep in touch with you.

The key areas where you can partner with us are prayer, finance and spreading the word to leaders.

There really is no reason at all why we should not see the UK set alight for Christ.

