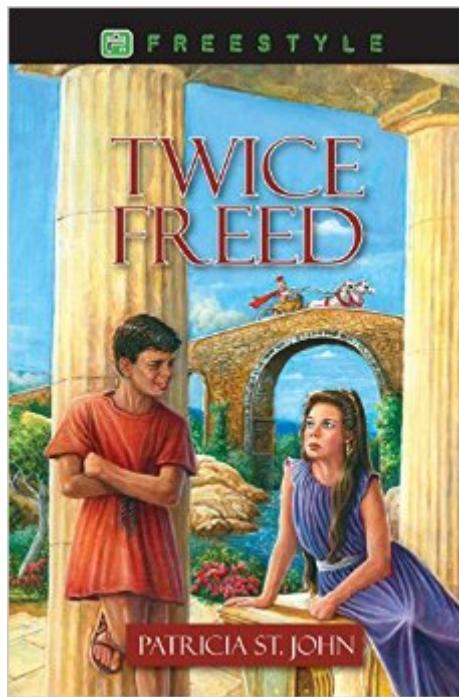


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# Twice Freed (Freestyle Fiction 12+)



## Synopsis

Onesimus is a slave. Eirene is a rich merchant's daughter. Onesimus longs to gain his freedom and Eirene's love. However, he doesn't realize where true freedom lies. He wants nothing to do with Jesus Christ. His master, Philemon, may follow the teachings of the Christ and his apostle Paul... but Onesimus has other plans.

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TWICE FREED, by Patricia St John has made a real impact on our family. We read it aloud and found it both CAPTIVATING and INSTRUCTIVE. The author basically tells a story about Onesimus and his slave-master Philemon--two lesser known characters from the New Testament. The story line, depth of character development, and ease of reading will appeal to CHILDREN; The remarkable true-to-the-first-century AD grasp of early Christianity, history, social structure, geography and Bible characters will fascinate more MATURE READERS who have an interest the Bible. Patricia St. John manages to follow Onesimus from Colosse to Ephesus, Laodicia, etc. and eventually to Athens and Rome. Along the way Onesimus keeps running into those who have been saved and caught up in this strange upstart religion: Christianity. Short of telling the whole plot, Philemon (the master) becomes a Christian as well as many in his household. Onesimus (the slave) resents/ hates his master and through the book is running not only from his master, but from the Christ whose people keep popping up in his life and demonstrating their Savior's love. WE WERE ENCOURAGED by reading this book to be more like those Christian people who keep popping up

in the lives of those running from the One we so love. We've read several of this author's books and have come to appreciate her ability portray real characters with an eye to what is going on at the level of the conscience. I had a friend of mine who has a PhD in NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES and has visited these archeological sites numerous times read the book and tell me what he thought of the book in terms of historical details. He felt that they are very accurate in most cases. I'M RECOMMENDING the book to Christians both young and old, but probably the intended audience is 10-20 range. PARENTS, especially--read it aloud to the family; talk about it. I pray that you'll be blessed by this book as we have been.

This book is about one of Philemon's slaves named Onesimus. He hates being a slave and he hates Christianity and tries to run away from it, but finds out that it is impossible to run away from Jesus. This book takes place in the time of the Apostle Paul and the growth of the Christian church. You might be wondering if Onesimus ever gives his life to Jesus? Well, you'll just have to read the book and find out yourself! I thought this was a wonderful book and would definitely recommend it to anyone who likes a nice mix of action and a couple of slower parts. It also has a bit of a love story in it but nothing very mushy. I think it would be a good book for kids ages 10 and up. And if you would like to read the letter that Paul writes to Philemon about Onesimus read the book of Philemon in the Bible(Don't worry, it's only one chapter). Just don't read the book of Philemon until you have finished Twice Freed!-Eliza

Twice Freed is the story of a slave boy Onesimus, (featured in a book of the Bible). Onesimus, resentful of his slavery from the beginning, vowed he would take his freedom. He is even more determined when he falls in love with a wealthy merchant's daughter, Eirene. The last thing Onesimus wants to hear of is a religion that commands people to their enemies. His rebellious spirit will take him many places. I think Twice Freed is a very appropriate title. Once, freed from sin, twice freed for slavery. Twice Freed. Truly a wonderful book. I've read other books by St. John, and all of them were powerful stories of hope and redemption.

Especially for young boys. I truly enjoyed reading it as a young man, and have made it required reading for my son. I can not prove it, and no one else can prove it, but I feel this is an accurate rendition of Onesimus' life. That's my opinion and I'm sticking to it! :0)

This book is very interesting.... I have read it many, many times and will continue to do so. It

captures the readers attention right away!

I had to read this book while in school and I absolutely loved it. I ordered this book for my kids to read I am am very happy with it.

I ordered this for my daughter which was required reading for her English (9th grade). I also read this book and loved it!

This is a great living history book for students covering the early church or Asia Minor.

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