

Christ Has Set Us Free | Galatians 5:1-15

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. You are severed from Christ, you would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion is not from him who calls you. A little leaven leavens the whole lump. I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Delight in Freedom (Legalism)

- * Christ has freed us from our slavery to sin and death;
- * Freedom in Christ is a fact for the Christian; standing firm is a command;

Discernment and False Gospels

- * Christ is of no advantage;
- * Obligated to keep the whole law;
- * Severed from Christ;
- * There is no hope;
- * Circumcision accounts for nothing;

Discernment and False Teachers

- * Hinder you from the truth;
- * Corruption spreads like cancer;
- * Preach another gospel;

Delight in Freedom (Licensing)

- * We are not free to do what we want –
- * We are free to love God;
- * We are free to love others;

Benediction | Romans 6:12-14

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.