

The Promise of Freedom

Slide 1: *Gal 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*

1. What is Christian Freedom?

"Freedom is the fulfillment that comes when you're doing what you most deeply desire." || Tim Keller

"May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right." - Peter Marshall

Slide 2: What are we Free From?

a. Freedom from the curse of sin

- i. Romans 6:15-18 *What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! 16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. 18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.*

b. Freedom from the curse of the Law

- i. Gal 3:10 *For all who rely on the works of the law are under a **curse**, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do **everything** written in the Book of the Law."*

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2. What did Freedom Cost?

- i. 1 Peter 2:24 *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.*

- ii. *Romans 8:1-3 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the **law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death**. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.*

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3. How should we live in our Freedom?

a. Two Errors of Freedom Gal 5:13-15

- i. **License**
- ii. **Legalism**

b. Two Truths of Freedom

- i. **Independence:**
 - 1. **Freedom to do what we want**
- ii. **Law of Love: Mt 11: 28-30**
 - 1. **Love God, and Love others**

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c. Our response to Christian Freedom is to Love God and love people.

- i. *Martin Luther* || "A Christian man is the most free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian man is the most dutiful servant of all, subject to all."
- ii. "The world needs to see Christians burning, not with self-righteous fury at the sliding morals in our country, but with passion for God."
||Kevin Deyoung