

It Is For Freedom!

Galatians 5:1 NIV - It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Introduction:

- It is for freedom Christ has set us free
- It is said we live in a free country... usually surrounding a context of doing what one wishes. Yet even that is politically and legally seems to be eroding
- Alarming still, is that in a “free” country people live in such bondage and external restraints they can become the person God has called them to be.
- Even in the church! People sit in the pews bound and burdened, never breaking free! Never becoming!
- **Even worse, many have quit trying! They have quit pressing. They have just accepted it, but its time for those days to be OVER!!!**
- Today, I want to reveal several aspects of freedom Christ has won for you. I want to provoke you!
- Bondage does not have be your life... freedom is available

I. Your freedom has been Redeemed Through Christ

- **Galatians 3:13 - Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”),**
- We are free from any curse... NOTICE, the past tense of the verb: redeemed
- The cursed life is not the life God has intended for you

II. Your freedom is Promised In The Word

- **2 Peter 1:3-5 - 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**
- **Hebrews 6:13-18 - 13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.”[d] 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. 16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. 17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of**

promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might[e] have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

III. Your freedom is Obtained By Faith

- Hebrews 11:33 - who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
- John 8:31-36 - 31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” 33 They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free’?” 34 Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.
- When His Word becomes your truth; His Freedom becomes your reality
- Faith: cant be TALKED out of it... cant be waited out of it...

IV. Your freedom is Received By Patience

- Hebrews 6:11-13 - 11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
- NOT passive patience – see “diligence”, “not become sluggish”
- We have to press, in faith, with patience!

V. Your freedom is Enjoyed Beginning TODAY!

- Sickness – James 5:13-15 - 13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.
- Confusion –
 - Colossians 1:9 - 9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

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- **James 1:5** - If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.
- **Poverty –**
 - **3 John 1:2** - Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.
 - **II Corinthians 9:8** - And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.
- **Fear –**
 - **2 Timothy 1:7** - For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.
 - **1 John 4:18** - There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.
- **Sin –**
 - **1 Peter 2:24** - who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.
 - **Romans 6:14** - For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.
- **Failure –**
 - **Colossians 1:10** - 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
 - **2 Corinthians 2:14** - Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.
- **Loneliness –**
 - **Matthew 28:20** - teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.
 - **Hebrews 13:5** - Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Conclusion:

- **Philippians 3:13** - Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,
- None of us have fully arrived! But it is time to leave the life of bondage and begin toward living free!