

# Freedom in Christ

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## Introduction

1. Galatians 5:1-26
2. We find antithesis over and over in this chapter
  - a. Galatians 5:1 liberty and bondage
  - b. Galatians 5:4 grace and law
  - c. Galatians 5:16 Spirit and flesh
  - d. Galatians 5:19, 22 Works of the flesh and fruit of the Spirit
3. More is seen from additional study
  - a. Some Jews thought they were free from the Law they could do anything
  - b. Some Gentiles that they were free from idolatry they could do anything
  - c. Some Jews taught that that others had to obey The Law in order to be saved, some are still teaching this today
  - d. Some are saying that the Bible does not say explicitly that some things are prohibited that they can do anything
  - e. Some think that freedom allows anything, never has
4. There is encouragement found in verse one, stand fast in the liberty, let us study the liberty that Paul is discussing in this chapter

## II Discussion

1. There is a location for this liberty
  - a. We have liberty in this nation that other nations do not enjoy. One must be in this nation to enjoy these freedoms
  - b. They too had to be in the place where liberty was to be enjoyed
    - i. The Jews were in bondage to sin, but did not believe it John 8:32-36
    - ii. The Gentile were in bondage to sin Galatians 4:8
    - iii. Both were in bondage to sin Romans 3:23
  - c. They both had been free from the bondage of sin verse 1, they were in the place of liberty
    - i. They were in Christ Galatians 3:26-27; 5:1
    - ii. They had contacted the blood of Christ and were cleansed from sin Revelation 1:5; Romans 6:1-4
2. There is the maintenance of freedom be not entangled verse 1
  - a. There is the danger of falling Galatians 5:4
    - i. To keep the Old Law and the New at the same time is not possible Galatians 5:3
    - ii. The world is beckoning them Galatians 5:13-15
    - iii. Colossians 2: 4-23n offers other freedoms
      1. From enticing words 2:4
      2. From vain philosophy 2:8
      3. From the judgment of men 2:16
      4. From improper worship 2:18, 23
      5. From the doctrine of men 2:20-22
  - b. We are free from
    - i. Old religion; tithing, instrumental music, sabbath keeping
    - ii. Modernism, denying that the Bible is the inspired Word of God

- iii. Tradition of men: infant baptism, corrupted church government,
- c. We are to Stand fast!
- 3. What freedom in Christ means Galatians 5:13-15
  - a. Use not you freedom to or for sin verse 13
  - b. Love one another verse 14
  - c. Treat one another correctly verse 15
  - d. Be servants one to another Galatians 6:2

### III Conclusion

- 1. Patrick Henry said, "give me liberty or give me death"
- 2. Freedom from sin is worth it all
- 3. Do we have true freedom
- 4. It is located in Christ are you there
- 5. Are you maintaining your freedom in Christ

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