

Galatians – Lesson 28

Galatians 5:1

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Last week we saw that Paul used an Old Testament event to illustrate the distinction between ...*the works of the Law...* and faith>>

<<spiritual **slavery** verses spiritual freedom >>

This morning we turn our attention to the next two chapters in which Paul will unpack the meaning of our spiritual freedom in Christ>>

In **ch. 5:1**, Paul begins by reminding of that>>

It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

This morning we will do a brief overview of our freedom>>

1st it is important that we know that our freedom is a positional freedom because we are **in** Christ>>

In **Rom 6:5-7**, Paul explains how we were freed in Christ>>

*...if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be [united with Him] in the likeness of His resurrection..., **6** so that we would no longer be **slaves** to sin; **7** for he who has died is freed from [the penalty and slavery of] sin.*

When we received Jesus, we received the **freedom** He purchased for us at the cross>>

Eph 1:7-8 *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace **8** which He lavished on us...>>*

This is the freedom that Jesus mentions in **John 8:31-32**>>

*If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; **32** and you will know the Truth, and the Truth will make you free... **36** if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.*

Let's look at the two sides of our freedom>>

Free from and Free to>>

This means that we have been Freed from in order to be Free to>>

In **Col. 1:13** we read the two sides of our freedom>>

...[God] rescued [freed] us from the domain of darkness and transferred [freed] us to the kingdom of His beloved Son...>>

In order to Biblically understand and live in our freedom, we need to remember that>>

<<our freedom is from God, for God and about God>>

<<in Christ we have been freed from in order to be free to>>

Let's look at some Free from and Free to Scriptures>>

free from>>

Acts 13:39 ...everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through [keeping] the Law of Moses...>> **Rom 6:7** ...he who has died [in Christ] is freed from sin...>>

Rom 8:2 ...Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death>>

To summarize, in Christ we have been freed from>>

<<freed from our obligation to keep the Law for our justification>>

<<because Jesus kept the Law for us on our behalf>>

Matt. 5:17 ...I did not come to abolish Law or the Prophets but to **fulfill** [all the requirements of the Law]...>>

<<freed from the penalty and slavery our sin>>

2 Cor 5:21 [God] made [Jesus] Who knew no sin to be sin [bearer] on our behalf, so that we might become the Righteousness of God **in** Him.

Rom 6:14 ...sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under [the rule of the] law but under [the rule of] grace...>>

<<freed from guilt of sin and fear of death>>

<<**Rom. 8:1**>> <<**Heb 2:14-15** ...through death [Jesus] might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, **15** and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

<<freed from the authority of Satan>>

Col. 1:13 ...[God] rescued [freed] us from the domain [authority] of darkness...>>

free to>>

<<to receive ...every spiritual blessing in Christ...>>**Eph. 1:3**

<<...to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus...>>**Heb 10:19**

<<to ...enter [God's] presence with thanksgiving...>>**Ps 95:2**

<<to become ...slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart...>>**Eph 6:6**

<<to be ...led by the Spirit...>>**Gal. 5:18**

<<...to serve the living and True God...>>**2 Thess. 1:9**

<<...to worship God ...in Spirit and in Truth...>>**John 4:24**

Over the next weeks, Paul will explain how we are to live in our *freedom*>>