

For Freedom Christ Set Us Free

Galatians 5:1-14

- I. Review
 - a. Reason for letter
 - i. Judaizers (Anti-Christ's)—1 John 2:18-20
 - ii. Urgent-reestablish the true Gospel—Gal. 1:3-5

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- II. For freedom Christ has set us free—5:1
 - a. Christ became the curse—redeemed us from the law—Gal. 3:13
 - b. Deut. 21:22-23—Hung on a tree; cursed for breaking the law/sin
 - c. Under curse because of Adam's sin; wages—Rom. 6:23
 - d. Jesus Christ—Perfect Sacrifice
 - i. Fully man—born of a woman—Like 1:30-31
 - ii. Fully God—Holy Spirit—Luke 1:35
 - iii. Jesus' I Am statements—ex. John 8:58; 11:25; Mark 14:62
 - iv. Unjustly condemned—hung on a tree—became the curse
 - v. Rose again to bring new life, right standing before the Father
- III. Stand firm—2 Samuel 22:33
 - a. Three types of yokes look at today
 - i. Yoke of sin—Lamentations 1:14
 - ii. Yoke of Christ—Matt. 11:28-30
 - iii. Yoke of Slavery/bondage/law—Gal. 4:21-22
- IV. Circumcision
 - a. Titus—Acts 14—Jerusalem Council
 - b. Symbolizes Mosaic Covenant
 - c. Set free by Christ—works are an outworking of inner change
- V. 3 issues that are reality under the law
 - a. Verse 2—Christ is of no benefit
 - b. Verse 3—Under obligation to keep all the law; not selected parts
 - c. Verse 4—Severed from Christ—no effect to us—fallen from grace
 - d. Christians benefit from what Christ did for us
 - i. Could not do it ourselves—debt too big/costly—death
 - ii. Christ bridged the gap
 - iii. We resist; misunderstand; don't know what to do
 - iv. Scripture is truth—Matt. 17:1-8

- e. Gospel of first importance—1 Cor. 15:3
 - f. All we need—works flow from it
 - g. Trying to work for/assure salvation robs us freedom found in Christ
 - h. Severed from Christ—Fallen from Grace
 - i. Cannot lose salvation once saved—didn't earn, can't 'unearn'
 - ii. Cannot be justified 2 ways—by faith and by works
 - 1. Cannot be justified by works—Gal. 4:21-22
 - 2. Cannot keep the law—not even the first 2
 - 3. Just as we would be required to keep the all of the law—we must be all in for Christ—Gal. 2:20; Matt. 16:24-25; Rom. 6:6
 - 4. Fallen from Grace—under the yoke of bondage/law cannot live under Grace of God
- VI. Holy Spirit
- a. Source of new life in us—defines us as Christians
 - b. Key to understanding salvation/Gospel
 - c. Witness to all of Christ
 - d. Inspired the authors of the Bible
 - e. Our gift (as believers) from God—makes us witnesses
- VII. We wait—important word
- a. Indicates confidence—we are at rest
 - b. Not justification—future completed/perfected/eternal righteousness—Rom. 8:18-21
- VIII. Glory of God—Michael Reeves; Leaven verse 9—Psalm 84
- IX. Why am I still persecuted—verses 11-12
- X. Paul's frustration
- a. Anger—Eph. 4:24-27
 - i. Be angry—we are human so we will have this emotion
 - ii. DO NOT SIN—do not harbor sin—get rid of ASAP—why?
 - iii. Do not give the devil an opportunity
 - 1. Poisons us like leaven—slow deliberate—Luke 6:45
 - 2. Love your enemies—Matt 5:44
 - a. Forgive—it is a choice
 - b. When we don't feel like it—we remember the hurt with a feeling of forgiveness
- XI. Don't let the freedom we have in Christ turn into an opportunity for the flesh

The true reason we should forgive is not because they deserve it—it's because we don't

