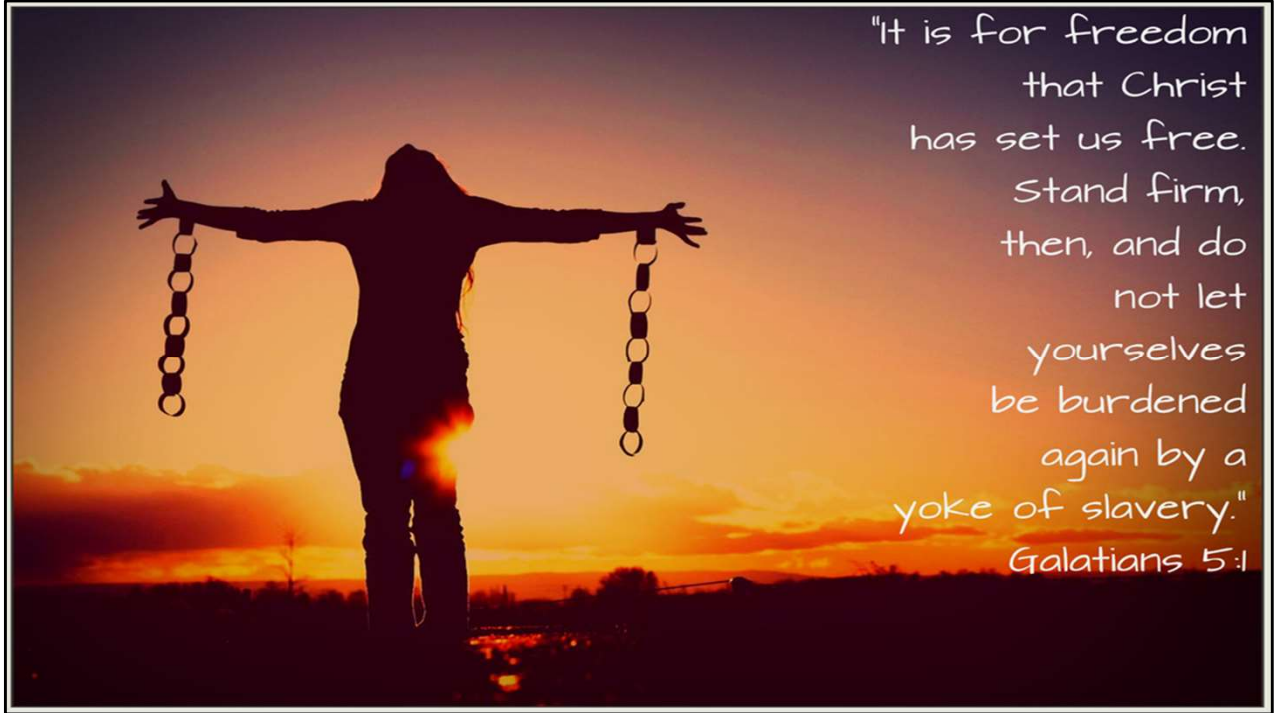


Set Free
Galatians





[Gal 5:1-13 NASB20] 1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. 2 Look! I, Paul, tell you that if you have yourselves circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. 3 And I testify again to every man who has himself circumcised, that he is obligated to keep the whole Law. 4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by the Law; you have fallen from grace. 5 For we, through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love. 7 You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion [did] not [come] from Him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump [of dough.] 10 I have confidence in you in the Lord, that you will adopt no other view; but the one who is disturbing you will bear the punishment, whoever he is. 11 But as for me, brothers [and sisters,] if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been eliminated. 12 I wish that those who are troubling you would even emasculate themselves. 13 For you were called to freedom, brothers [and sisters;] only [do] not [turn] your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love.



We were Slaves!

It was for freedom that Christ set us free!

- John 8:32 – “and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free” (indeed).
- John 14:6 – Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.”

**Its not just “the truth”! Like a Policeman's body cam proving his innocence!
The Truth - Its Jesus! Jesus IS THE TRUTH! Much more than A truth
Can Jesus set us free from Addictions? Bible calls it Slavery!**

Gal 2:4 Yet [it was a concern] because of the false brothers secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy on our freedom which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to enslave us.

[Mat 11:28-30 NASB20] 28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. 30 "For My yoke is comfortable, and My burden is light."

[Jhn 8:32-36 NASB20] 32 and **you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**" 33 They answered Him, "**We are Abraham's descendants and have never been enslaved to anyone;** how [is it that] You say, 'You will become free?'" 34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly I say to you, **everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin.**" 35 "Now the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. 36 "So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.

[Rom 6:14, 18 NASB20] 14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under the Law but under grace. ... 18 and after being freed from sin, you became slaves to righteousness.

[Rom 7:6 NASB20] 6 But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

[Rom 8:2 NASB20] 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

[1Co 7:22 NASB20] 22 For the one who was called in the Lord as a slave, is the Lord's freed person; likewise the one who was called as free, is Christ's slave.

[2Co 3:17 NASB20] 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, [there] is

freedom.

[1Pe 2:16 NASB20] 16 [Act] as free people, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but [use it] as bond-servants of God.



Doesn't this look like Monday mornings? Sunday for me

Don't you want to be set free?

We cannot keep the Law!!

Free from what

- Exodus 1:11 – So they appointed taskmasters over them to oppress them with hard labor. ... bitter
- From Sin, which always enslaves us! – John 8:34
- From sin's curse! The burdens of life, Sweat of the brow!
- From the Law! – Romans 6:14, 7:6; Galatians 2:4, 4:9; Matthew 23:4; Acts 15:10
- From Death! – Romans 8:2

Saved from what?

Isn't Life Hard? Groundhog day over and over. The curse says we will sweat and have thorns! Not for most Americans compared with around the world – children mining lithium and diamonds...living in garbage heaps.

Isn't our world broken and therefore hard? Families divided and in conflict, Haiti in chaos...Personal dysfunctions; Anorexia, OCD,...

Aren't our responsibilities insurmountable? Being Husbands, Father's, Sons, friends...

Isn't sin enslaving? Ask the drug addict, the Prostitute, the gambling addict...

[Exo 1:11-12, 14 NASB20] 11 So they appointed taskmasters over them to oppress them with hard labor. And they built for Pharaoh storage cities, Pithom and Raamses. 12 But the more they oppressed them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out, so that they dreaded the sons of Israel. ... 14 and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all [kinds of] labor in the field, all their labors which they violently had them perform as slaves.

[Exo 2:23-25 NASB20] 23 Now it came about in [the course of] those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry for help because of [their] bondage ascended to God. 24 So God heard their groaning; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 25 And God saw the sons of Israel, and God took notice [of them.]

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[Rom 6:14 NASB20] 14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under the Law but under grace.

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were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

[Gal 2:4 NASB20] 4 Yet [it was a concern] because of the false brothers secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy on our freedom which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to enslave us.

[Gal 4:9 NASB20] 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles, to which you want to be enslaved all over again?

[Mat 23:4 NASB20] 4 "And they tie up heavy burdens and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with [so much as] their finger.

[Act 15:10 NASB20] 10 "Since this [is the] case, why are you putting God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our forefathers nor we have been able to bear?

[Rom 8:2 NASB20] 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.



“I think I can”, doesn't always work

Let them make bricks without straw!



Exodus 5 “Let My People Go”

1. Moses and Aaron share God's plan (v.1-3)
2. Pharaoh rejects the LORD of Israel (v.4-9)
3. More trouble and the Taskmasters (v.10-19)
4. Discouragement before deliverance (v.20-23)

Israel 1st went to Egypt because of a Famine, Joseph received them and fed them and gave them Goshen. Little by little, as they became comfortable outside the promised land, they became enslaved and couldn't escape!

Share Gods Plan or give Gods Ultimatum! Orders!

Pharaoh - Exo 5:2 But Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and besides, I will not let Israel go." **10x he hardened his heart!**

Noting ten times that God hardened Pharaoh's heart (4:21; 7:3; 9:12; 10:1, 20, 27; 11:10; 14:4, 8, 17) and ten times that he hardened his own heart (7:13-14, 22; 8:15, 19, 32; 9:7, 34-35; 13:15).

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2006). [John 1-11](#) (p. 60). Moody Press.

Taskmasters!

[Exo 4:21 NASB20] 21 And the LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders which I have put in your power; but **I will harden his heart** so that he will not let the people go.

[Exo 7:3 NASB20] 3 "But **I will harden Pharaoh's heart**, so that I may multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.

[Exo 9:12 NASB20] 12 But **the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart**, and he did not listen to them, just as the LORD had spoken to Moses.

[Exo 10:1, 20, 27 NASB20] 1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, for **I have hardened his**

heart and the heart of his servants, so that I may perform these signs of Mine among them, ... 20 But **the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart**, and he did not let the sons of Israel go. ... 27 But **the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart**, and he was not willing to let them go.

[Exo 11:10 NASB20] 10 So Moses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh; yet **the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart**, and he did not let the sons of Israel go out of his land.

[Exo 14:4, 8, 17 NASB20] 4 "And **I will harden Pharaoh's heart**, and he will chase after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD." And they did so. ... 8 So **the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh**, king of Egypt, and he chased after the sons of Israel as the sons of Israel were going out boldly. ... 17 "And as for Me, behold, **I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians** so that they will go in after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen.

[Exo 7:13-14, 22 NASB20] 13 Yet **Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen** to them, just as the LORD had said. 14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "**Pharaoh's heart is stubborn; he refuses** to let the people go. ... 22 But the soothsayer priests of Egypt did the same with their secret arts; **and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen** to them, just as the LORD had said.

[Exo 8:15, 19, 32 NASB20] 15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not listen to them, just as the LORD had said. ... 19 Then the soothsayer priests said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, just as the LORD had said. ... 32 But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and he did not let the people go.

[Exo 9:7, 34-35 NASB20] 7 And Pharaoh sent [men,] and [they learned that,] behold, not even one of the livestock of Israel was dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go. ... 34 But when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had stopped, he sinned again and hardened his heart, he and his servants. 35 So Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not let the sons of Israel go, just as the LORD had spoken through Moses.

[Exo 13:15 NASB20] 15 'And it came about, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD put to death every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human firstborns to animal firstborns. Therefore, I sacrifice to the LORD the males, every firstborn of a womb, but every firstborn of my sons I redeem.'

“Let my people go”! Free to/for?

- “that they may worship me.” (serve) – Exodus 3:12, 4:23, 5:18, 7:16, 8:1, 9:1, 9:13, 10:3, 1:13-14 – work as slaves
- “that we may sacrifice to the Lord” – Exodus 3:18, 5:3, 8:25-29, 13:15 – 3 day journey to offer sacrifices.
- “Let My people go so that they may celebrate a feast to Me” – Exodus 5:1, 12:14, 23:14, Psalm 2:4

Saved to/For? God didn't save them from Pharaoh and they scattered all over! God didn't say seeya! He saved them for Himself!

- **Worship/Serve**
- **Sacrifice**
- **Celebrate/Festival**

Ex. 3:12, 4:23, 5:18, 7:16, 8:1, 9:1, 9:13, 10:3 that they may worship me. that they may serve h5647
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3:18, 5:3, 8, 25-29, 13:15 3 day journey to offer sacrifices. that we may sacrifice, kill h2076 זבח
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5:1, 12:14, 23:14, Ps.42:4 That they may hold a festival. that they may celebrate h2287 גגחגagag
7:17 Pharaoh- you will know that I am the Lord. 9:20 officials of pharaoh who feared the Lord

Exo 3:18 "Then they will pay attention to what you say; and you with the elders of Israel will come to the king of Egypt, and you will say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. **So now, please let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness, so that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.**'

Worship/serve/work H5647 - `āḇaḏ

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[Exo 1:13-14 NASB20] 13 The Egyptians used violence to compel the sons of Israel to labor[H5647]; 14 and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all [kinds of] labor in the field, all their labors which they violently had them perform[H5647] as[H5647] slaves[H5647].
[Exo 3:12 NASB20] 12 And He said, "Assuredly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that

it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship[H5647] God at this mountain."

[Exo 4:23 NASB20] 23 "So I said to you, 'Let My son go so that he may serve[H5647] Me'; but you have refused to let him go. Behold, I am going to kill your son, your firstborn.'"

[Exo 5:18 NASB20] 18 "So go now [and] work[H5647]; for you will be given no straw, but you must deliver the quota of bricks."

[Exo 6:5 NASB20] 5 "Furthermore I have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, because the Egyptians are holding[H5647] them in bondage[H5647], and I have remembered My covenant.

[Exo 7:16 NASB20] 16 "And you shall say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, "Let My people go, so that they may serve[H5647] Me in the wilderness. But behold, you have not listened up to now."

[Exo 8:1, 20 NASB20] 1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'This is what the LORD says: "Let My people go, so that they may serve[H5647] Me. ... 20 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh, as he comes out to the water; and say to him, 'This is what the LORD says: "Let My people go, so that they may serve[H5647] Me.

[Exo 9:1, 13 NASB20] 1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and speak to him, 'This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews says: "Let My people go, so that they may serve[H5647] Me. ... 13 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh and say to him, 'This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews says: "Let My people go, so that they may serve[H5647] Me.

[Exo 10:3, 7 NASB20] 3 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, "This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews says: 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, so that they may serve[H5647] Me. ... 7 Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the people go, so that they may serve[H5647] the LORD their God. Do you not yet realize that Egypt is destroyed?"

Sacrifice

H2076 - zābāḥ

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[Exo 3:18 NASB20] 18 "Then they will pay attention to what you say; and you with the elders of Israel will come to the king of Egypt, and you will say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. So now, please let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness, so that we may sacrifice[H2076] to the LORD our God.'

[Exo 5:3, 8, 17 NASB20] 3 Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness so that we may sacrifice[H2076] to the LORD our God, otherwise He will strike us with plague or with the sword." ... 8 "But you shall impose on them the quota of bricks which they were making before; you are not to reduce any of it. Because they are lazy, for that reason they cry out, 'Let us go and sacrifice[H2076] to our God.' ... 17 But he said, "You are lazy, [very] lazy; for that reason you say, 'Let us go [and] sacrifice[H2076] to the LORD.'

[Exo 8:8, 25-29 NASB20] 8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, "Plead

with the LORD to remove the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, so that they may sacrifice[H2076] to the LORD." ... 25 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, "Go, sacrifice[H2076] to your God within the land." 26 But Moses said, "It is not permissible [for us] to do so, because we will sacrifice[H2076] to the LORD our God that which is an abomination to the Egyptians. If we sacrifice[H2076] that which is an abomination to the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not stone us? 27 "We must go a three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice[H2076] to the LORD our God, just as He commands us." 28 Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, so that you may sacrifice[H2076] to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Plead for me." 29 Then Moses said, "Behold, I am going to leave you, and I will plead with the LORD that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people tomorrow; only do not let Pharaoh deal deceitfully again in not letting the people go to sacrifice[H2076] to the LORD."

[Exo 13:15 NASB20] 15 'And it came about, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD put to death every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human firstborns to animal firstborns. Therefore, I sacrifice[H2076] to the LORD the males, every firstborn of a womb, but every firstborn of my sons I redeem.'

Feast, Celebrate, holy day

H2287 - ḥāgāg

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[Exo 5:1 NASB20] 1 And afterward Moses and Aaron came and said to Pharaoh, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel says: 'Let My people go so that they may celebrate[H2287] a[H2287] feast[H2287] to Me in the wilderness.'"

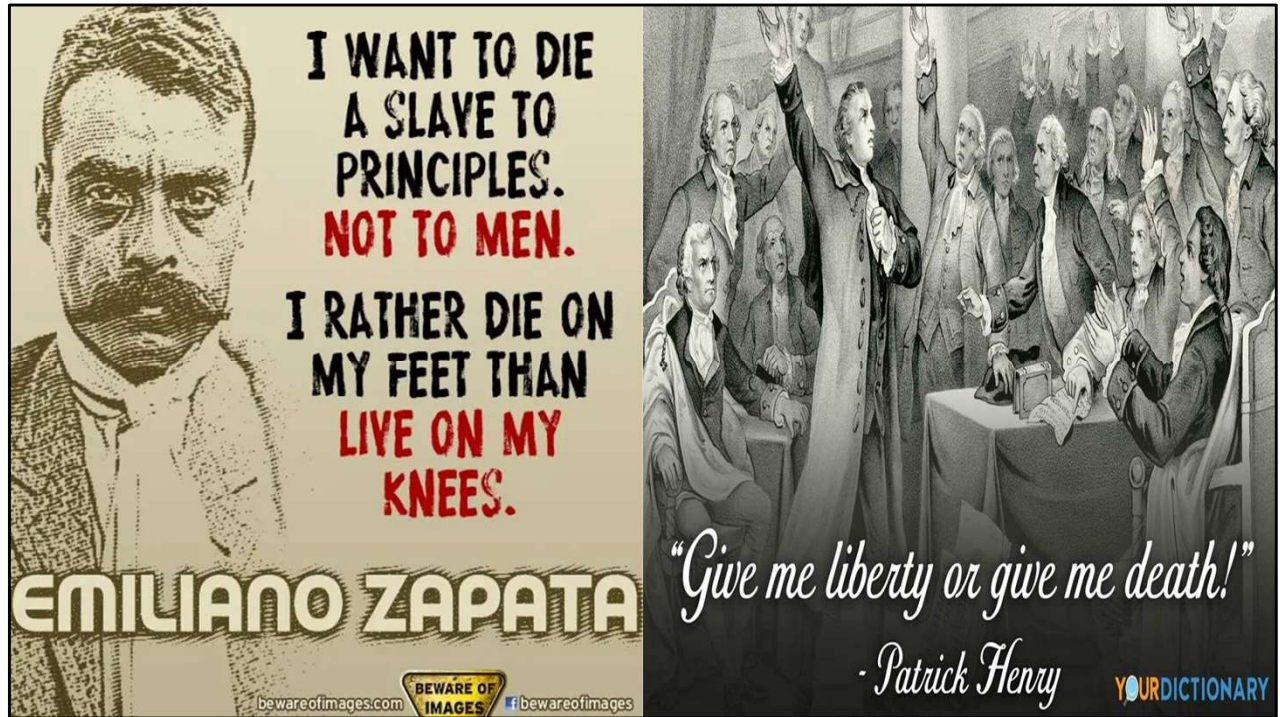
[Exo 12:14 NASB20] 14 'Now this day shall be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate[H2287] it [as] a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate[H2287] it [as] a permanent ordinance.

[Exo 23:14 NASB20] 14 "Three times a year you shall celebrate[H2287] a[H2287] feast[H2287] to Me.

[Psa 42:4 NASB20] 4 I remember these things and pour out my soul within me. For I used to go over with the multitude [and] walk them to the house of God, With a voice of joy and thanksgiving, a multitude celebrating[H2287] a[H2287] festival[H2287].



"LET MY PEOPLE GO."



**Emiliano Zapata – I want to die a slave to Principles, not to Men.
Id rather die on my feet than live on my knees!**

**Patrick Henry –
Give me Liberty or give me death!**

A yoke of slavery or service

- 2 Corinthians 6:14 (ESV) – Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?
- Matthew 11:29-30 – “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is comfortable, and My burden is light.”

[2Co 6:14 ESV] 14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?



Its not even about who is better.

You will be out of step

You will chafe/abrasive against each other constantly

One will bear much more of the work

Which one ends up being the Jackass?

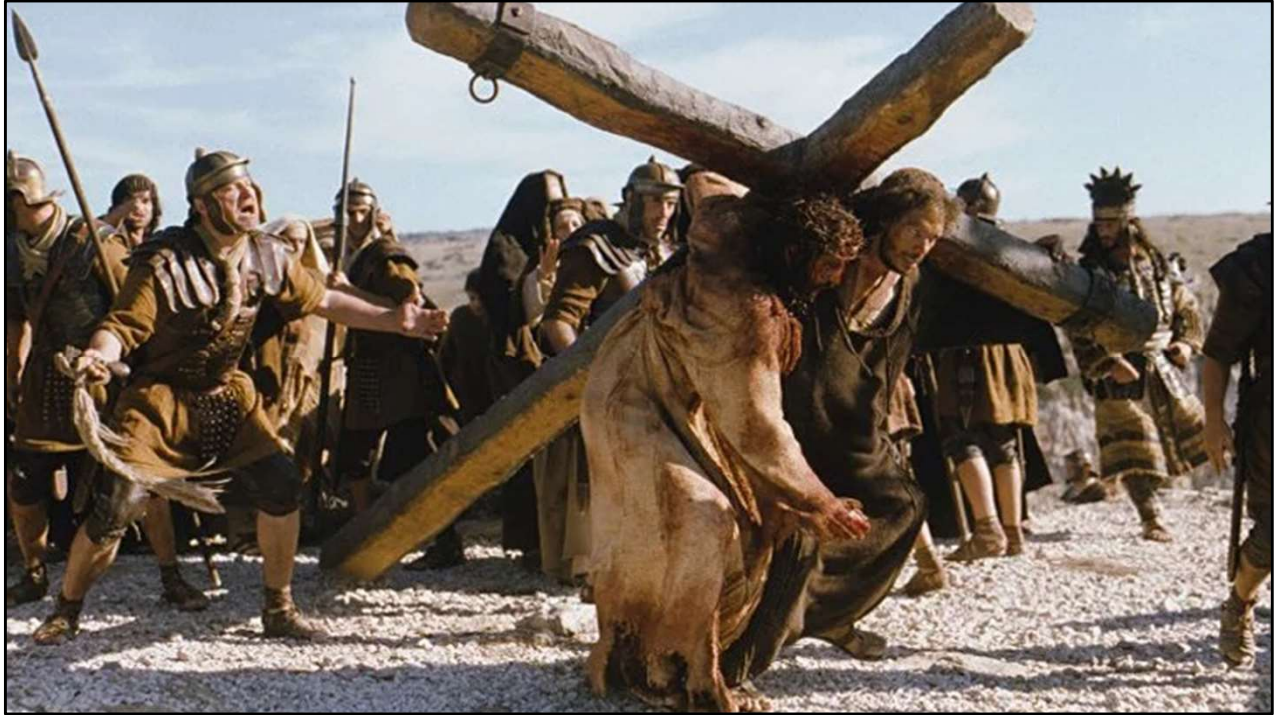
**When she's cute
but she ain't saved...**



**This is what your
relationship
looks like to God.**

Do not be unequally
yoked with unbelievers.
For what partnership has
righteousness with
lawlessness? Or what
fellowship has light with
darkness?

- 2 Corinthians 6:14 (ESV) -



Simon bore Jesus' yoke but Jesus alone can bear our sins!!!

[Mar 15:21 NASB20] 21 And they compelled a passer-by coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene (the **father of** Alexander and **Rufus**), to carry His cross.

[Luk 23:26 NASB20] 26 And when they led Him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, as he was coming in from the country, and **placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus**.

[Rom 16:13 NASB20] 13 **Greet Rufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine.**

[Luk 14:27 NASB20] 27 "**Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.**



Notice Jesus doesn't have a locking mechanism.

Notice Jesus is beside us, not behind us and whipping us to go

You have been severed from Christ! – 5:4

- Galatians 2:21 – “I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness [comes] through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.” (in vain, for nothing, for no purpose ...)
- Galatians 3:4 – “Did you suffer so many things in vain – if indeed it was in vain?” (for nothing)

IF you can go to Heaven on your terms, If your goodness and good works are sufficient, If you're relying on yourself because you think so highly of You, then Christ is of NO value to you!

5:2 **Mark my words!** I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. NIV profit you nothing.KJV

[Gal 2:21 NASB20] 21 "I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness [comes] through the Law, then Christ died needlessly." NKJV, NIV, ESV

[Gal 3:4 NASB20] 4 Did you suffer so many things in vain--if indeed it was in vain? CSB,

[Gal 5:2 NASB20] 2 Look! I, Paul, tell you that if you have yourselves circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. No Profit, No Value, no advantage KJV, NIV, ESV

[Gal 5:4 NASB20] 4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by the Law; you have fallen from grace.

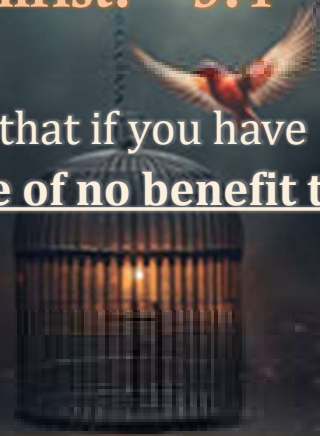
All of Pauls teachings here are Foundational, essentials, Paramount! Otherwise you belittle the love and sacrifice of Christ!

Circumcision – 9Baptism today) Kosher laws, Feast days, ...

•Again, Paul uses circumcision as an example of "Rule"igion, why and how?

You have been severed from Christ! – 5:4

- Galatians 5:2 – “Look! I, Paul, tell you that if you have yourselves circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you.” (no value)



Main Characters in Galatians

The Churches	The Apostle	The False Brethren
Quickly removing (1:6)	Marveled (1:6)	Trouble (1:7; see 5:10)
Foolish (3:1,3)	Afraid (4:11)	Perverting (1:7)
Bewitched (3:1)	United (4:12)	Anathema (1:8-9)
Unloving (5:13-15)	Telling the truth (4:16)	False brethren (2:4)
Contentious (5:26)	In travail (4:19)	Secretive (2:4)
	Perplexed (4:20)	Bondage (2:4)
	Branded (6:17)	Zealously seek (4:17)
		Unsettling (5:12)
		Glory in flesh (6:12-13)

ASV, KJV

As your Shepherds, we will

- **Lead!**
- **Feed!**
- **Bleed!** TO protect you from the wolves!

[Gal 1:6 NASB20] 6 I am amazed that you are **so quickly deserting** Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel,

[Gal 3:1, 3 NASB20] 1 You foolish Galatians, who has **bewitched you**, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed [as] crucified? ... 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

[Gal 5:13-15, 26] For you were called to freedom, brothers [and sisters;] only [do] not [turn] your freedom into **an opportunity for the flesh**, but serve one another through love. 14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the [statement,] "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." 15 But if you **bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another**. ... 26 Let's not become **boastful, challenging one another, envying** one another.

[Gal 1:6 NASB20] 6 **I am amazed** that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel,

[Gal 4:11-12, 16, 19-20 NASB20] 11 **I fear for you**, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.

12 **I beg of you**, brothers [and sisters,] become as I [am,] for I also [have become] as you [are.]

You have done me no wrong; ... 16 So have I become your enemy by **telling you the truth**? ...

19 My children, with whom **I am again in labor** until Christ is formed in you-- 20 but I could wish to

be present with you now and to change my [tone of] voice, for **I am at a loss about you!**

[Gal 6:17 NASB20] 17 From now on let no one cause trouble for me, for **I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.**

[Gal 1:7-9 NASB20] 7 which is not [just] another [account;] but there are some who **are disturbing you** and want to **distort the gospel** of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to **be accursed!** 9 As we have said before, even now I say again: if anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is **to be accursed!**

[Gal 2:4 NASB20] 4 Yet [it was a concern] because of the **false brothers secretly brought in**, who had sneaked in to spy on our freedom which we have in Christ Jesus, **in order to enslave us.**

[Gal 4:17 NASB20] 17 They **eagerly seek you**, not in a commendable way, but they want to shut you out so that you will seek them.

[Gal 5:10, 12] I have confidence in you in the Lord, that you will adopt no other view; but the one who is **disturbing you** will bear the punishment, whoever he is. ... 12 I wish that those who are **troubling you** would even emasculate themselves.

[Gal 6:12-13 NASB20] 12 All who want to make a **good showing in the flesh** try to compel you to be circumcised, simply so that they will not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13 For those who are circumcised do not even keep the Law themselves, but they want to have you circumcised so that they may **boast in your flesh.**

Pharaoh offers Moses compromises

- Stay close, not 3 days journey! – Exodus 8:25-32
- Only the men, not the wife/kids. – Exodus 10:8-11
- Go without Livestock. – Exodus 10:24-27

➤ What compromises are you willing to make?

➤ “No one can serve two masters” – Matthew 6:24

extended compromises

1. Don't go far, not 3 days journey, do this here in Egypt
2. Only the men, not wives and children (They'll be back!)
3. Go without livestock, the means of sacrifice.

**Baptize your children Catholic AND Evangelical
Go to Mass 1st then FBC, or just kids can go
Buddha statues and Jesus**

We've been bought with a Price! The Blood of Christ. Passover!

Desperate but false regret. [Exo 9:27-28, 30 NASB20] 27 Then Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "I have sinned this time; the LORD is the righteous one, and I and my people are the wicked ones. 28 "Plead with the LORD, for there has been enough of God's thunder and hail; and I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer." ... 30 "But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear the LORD God."

1.[Exo 8:25-32 NASB20] 25 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God within the land." 26 But Moses said, "It is not permissible [for us] to do so, because we will sacrifice to the LORD our God that which is an abomination to the Egyptians. If we sacrifice that which is an abomination to the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not stone us? 27 "We must go a three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God, just as He commands us." 28 Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, so that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Plead for me." 29 Then Moses said, "Behold, I am going to leave you, and I will plead with the LORD that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people tomorrow; only do not let Pharaoh deal deceitfully again in not letting the people go to

sacrifice to the LORD." 30 So Moses left Pharaoh and pleaded with the LORD. 31 The LORD did as Moses asked, and removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; not one remained. 32 But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and he did not let the people go.

2.[Exo 10:8-11 NASB20] 8 So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh, and he said to them, "Go, serve the LORD your God! Who specifically are the ones who are going?" 9 Moses said, "We shall go with our young and our old; with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds we shall go, for we must hold a feast to the LORD." 10 Then he said to them, "So may the LORD be with you, when I let you and your little ones go! Watch out, for evil is on your mind! 11 "Not so! Go now, [but only] the men [among you,] and serve the LORD, since that is what you desire." So they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

3.[Exo 10:24-27 NASB20] 24 Then Pharaoh called for Moses, and said, "Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be left behind. Even your little ones may go with you." 25 But Moses said, "You must also let us have sacrifices and burnt offerings, so that we may sacrifice [them] to the LORD our God. 26 "Therefore, our livestock too shall go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind, for we shall take some of them to serve the LORD our God. And until we arrive there, we ourselves do not know with what we shall serve the LORD." 27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he was not willing to let them go.

[Mat 6:24 NASB20] 24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

A LITTLE LEAVEN

- ✓ **Only a very small amount of leavening is required to have its full effect!**
- ✓ **The N.T. uses the term “leaven” figuratively referring to influence -- usually negative (i.e. corrupting, perverting)**



[Exo 12:11 'Now you shall eat it in this way: [with your garment] belted around your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in a hurry--it is the LORD'S Passover.

[Exo 12:15 For seven days **you shall eat unleavened bread**, but **on the first day you shall remove dough with yeast from your houses**; for whoever eats anything with yeast from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

[Exo 34:25 NASB20] 25 "**You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread**, nor is the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover to be left over until morning.

[Mat 13:33 NASB20] 33 He spoke another parable to them: "**The kingdom of heaven is like leaven**, which a woman took and hid in three sata of flour until it was all leavened."

[Mat 16:6, 11-12 NASB20] 6 And Jesus said to them, "**Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.**" ... 11 "How [is it that] you do not understand that I did not speak to you about bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." 12 Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, **but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.**

[Mar 8:15 NASB20] 15 And He was giving orders to them, saying, "**Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and the leaven of Herod.**"

Luk 12:1 Under these circumstances, after so many thousands of people had gathered together that they were stepping on one another, He began saying to His disciples first [of all,] "**Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.**

[Luk 13:21 NASB20] 21 "It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three sata of flour until it was all leavened."

[1Co 5:6-8 **Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump [of dough?]** 7 **Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are [in fact] unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let's celebrate**

the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

[Gal 5:9 NASB20] 9 **A little leaven leavens the whole lump [of dough.]**



Sin permeates and affects and contaminates the whole!

"Its Baked into the Cake"!

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DON'T SHOW the NEXT Picture Until I tell a little story...Can we ignore the little things? If its just a very small amount of compromise or sin?

Somebody said to make brownies in cast iron.
This is the only cast iron I have.
No one is eating my brownies.



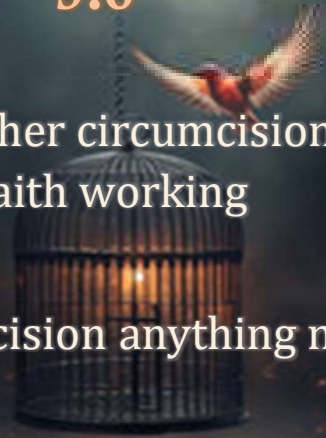
If I offered you a plate of brownies and I told you that I mixed a teaspoon of dog poop in the batter, would you still eat it?

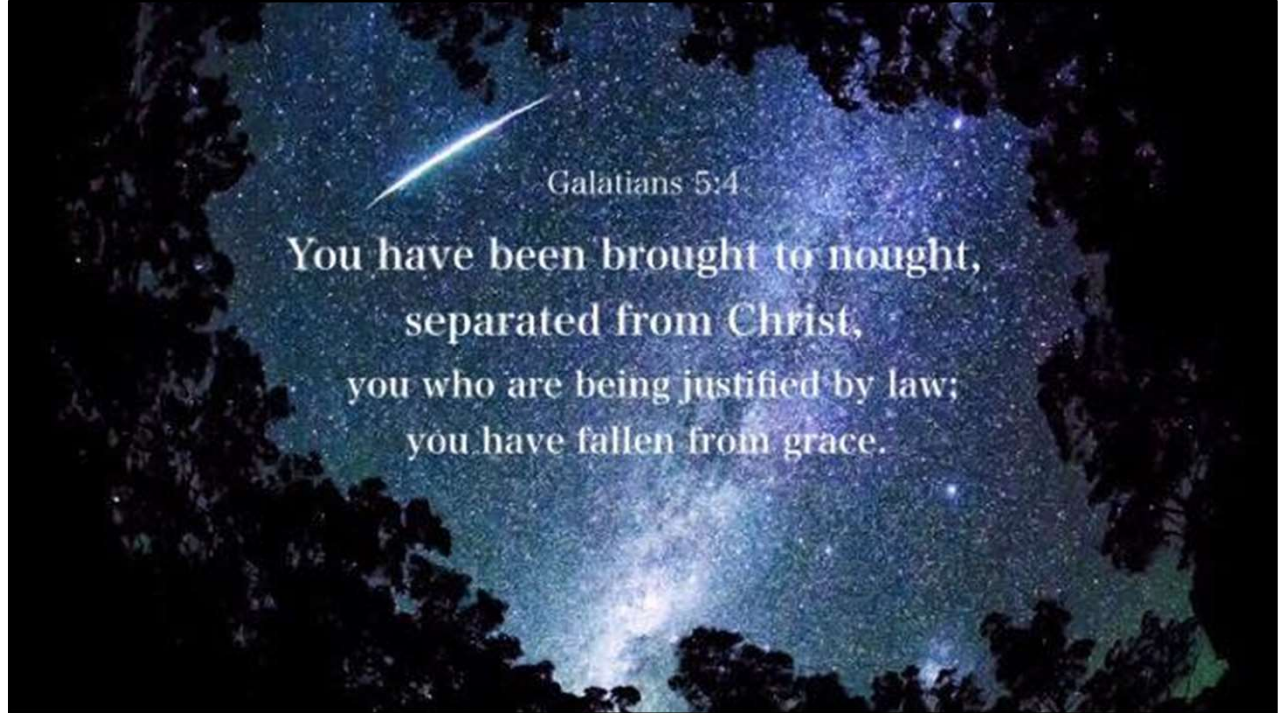
Brownies with walnuts in cast iron corn cob pans

Phil.4:8 “[W]hatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”

But faith working through love – 5:6

- Galatians 5:6 – For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.
- Galatians 6:15 – For neither is circumcision anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.
- Galatians 5:12 – I wish that those who are troubling you would emasculate themselves.





[Gal 5:4 NASB20] 4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by the Law; you have fallen from grace.

We are ALL recovering Armenians or Pharisees, trusting in our own goodness instead of throwing ourselves to Christ and His grace!

[Num 14:1-4 NASB20] 1 Then all the congregation raised their voices and cried out, and the people wept that night. 2 And all the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron; and the entire congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or [even] if we had died in this wilderness! 3 "So why is the LORD bringing us into this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder! Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" 4 So they said to one another, "Let's appoint a leader and return to Egypt!"

[Num 14:11 NASB20] 11 And the LORD said to Moses, "How long will this people be disrespectful to Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, despite all the signs that I have performed in their midst?"

[Num 16:12-14 NASB20] 12 Then Moses sent a summons to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; but they said, "We will not come up. 13 "Is it not enough that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to have us die in the wilderness, but you would also appoint yourself as master over us? 14 "Indeed, you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor have you given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards. Would you gouge out the eyes of these men? We will not come up!"

[Exo 16:3 NASB20] 3 The sons of Israel said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD'S hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread until [we were] full; for

you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this entire assembly with hunger!"

[Exo 17:3 NASB20] 3 But the people were thirsty for water there; and they grumbled against Moses and said, "Why is it that you have brought us up from Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"

[Deu 1:27 NASB20] 27 and you grumbled in your tents and said, 'Because the LORD hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to hand us over to the Amorites to destroy us.

Application IS your (congregation) responsibility each week!

How do we long for Egypt?

Fantasizing about old girlfriends/boyfriends. Historical revisionism. Why do women gravitate to Abusers? Its what they know

Religious syncretism – the golden calf

Flirting with past addictions – smoking, alcohol, drugs

Any idol of the heart

When we find new appetites and disciplines distasteful, remember when I had all my weekends/Sundays free?

Impatience leads to sin

Pleasures in earthly comforts are paramount

When we tire of the fight and give in to Oppressive evil rulers – Abortion. Taking the Promised land is a long journey and a battle, but worth it!

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The stumbling block of the cross

- Σκάνδαλον (skandalon) scandal of the cross
- The symbol of humiliation/defeat (what MY sin deserves)
- Choosing the narrow road, the minority, a cross
- A different kind of power, of vision, of Love
- Admitting we are wrong, we are sinners, we failed

[Gal 5:11 NASB20] 11 But as for me, brothers [and sisters,] if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then **the stumbling block of the cross** has been eliminated.

•Many Americans have become comfortable with the "cross", but how would it have been offensive in Paul's day? Guillotine, Electric chair....

•What does the cross mean to you? Can anyone use it to defend against Vampires?

A different kind of power, Not military might, but humble surrender to the Lords will, martyrdom of vision – living for Eternity and for God, not self

Of Love- the worlds def. Of love is feelings and ME! Gods love is selfless and puts others 1st!

The scandal is I don't really think I'm that bad!

IF you saw a Newspaper headline in capital letters saying SCANDAL! And your picture underneath, would you be surprised? How would you handle it?

The Tombstone becomes either a stumbling stone or a Cornerstone/Foundation stone! You can be Pharisees who pay off Roman soldiers to not tell or the Roman Centurion who declared faith, which imperiled and impugned himself!

Mat 21:42-46 Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'A STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS HAS BECOME THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'?" 43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruit. 44 **"And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and on whomever it falls, it will crush him."** 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them. 46 And [although] they sought to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, since they considered Him to be

a prophet.

[1Co 1:20-31 NASB20] 20 Where is the wise person? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has God not made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not [come to] know God, God was pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than mankind, and the weakness of God is stronger than mankind. 26 For consider your calling, brothers [and sisters,] that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; 27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28 and the insignificant things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, 29 so that no human may boast before God. 30 But [it is] due to Him [that] you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, 31 so that, just as it is written: "LET THE ONE WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD."

[1Pe 2:8 NASB20] 8 and, "A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE"; [for] they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this they were also appointed.

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nothing but *hell*.’

—J.C. Ryle



Salvation by Works?

not as a result of works
not according to our works
not because of works
of works? No.
justified apart from works
apart from works
not because of works
not on the basis of works
not justified by works
not on the basis of works

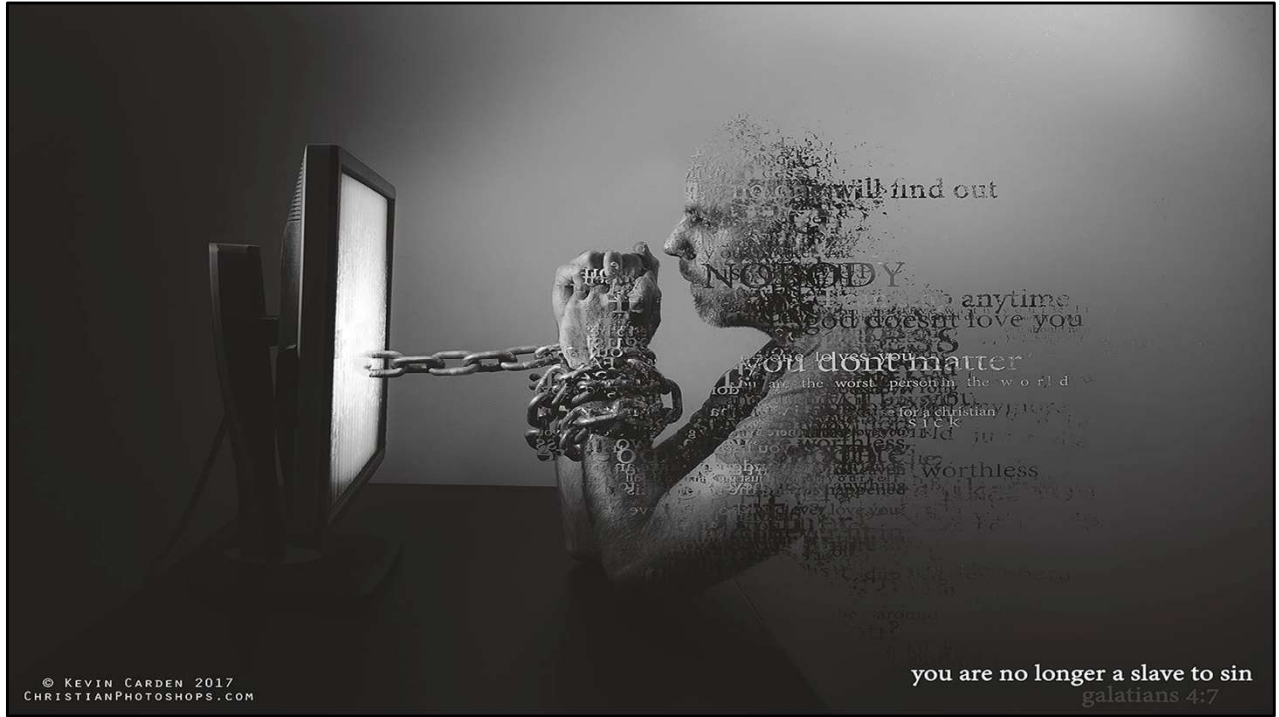
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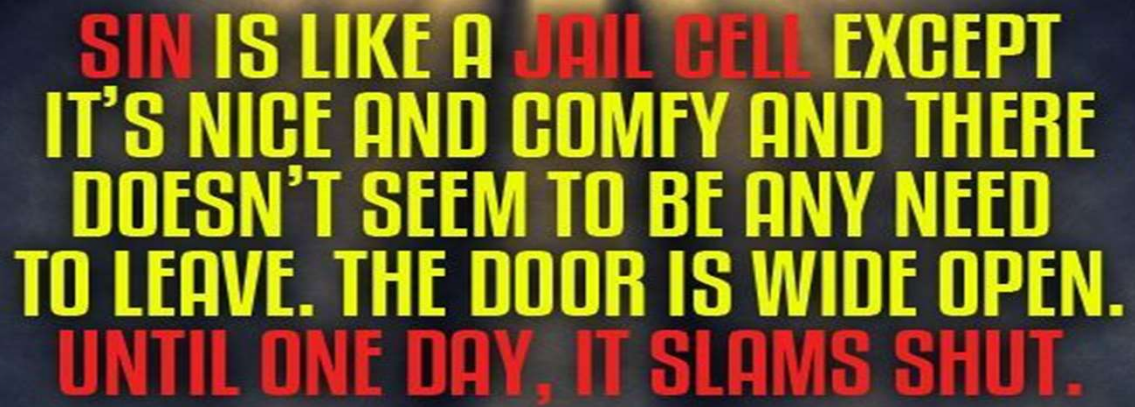
Freedom in CHRIST

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you are no longer a slave to sin
galatians 4:7



**SIN IS LIKE A JAIL CELL EXCEPT
IT'S NICE AND COMFY AND THERE
DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY NEED
TO LEAVE. THE DOOR IS WIDE OPEN.
UNTIL ONE DAY, IT SLAMS SHUT.**

