

SESSION 18

FREEDOM, FRUIT, AND GENTLENESS

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” ([Galatians 5:1](#))

I. FREEDOM

- A. The leadership of the Lord is what keeps us free
 - 1. We stay free by obeying Him
 - 2. This is how we endure, persevere, and have hope
- B. Even though we are free to do anything, not everything is good for us
- C. Paul encourages the Corinthians to flee from sexual immorality, reminding them that they were bought with a high price ([1 Corinthians 6:12, 18-20](#))
- D. You are a slave to whatever controls you ([2 Peter 2:19, Psalm 27:4](#))
 - 1. The human heart obeys that which it desires
 - 2. You will not endure if you are desiring things that will kill you
- E. Live in your liberty as a bondservant to Christ ([1 Peter 2:15-17](#))
- F. Bound by freedom ([Romans 6:18](#))
- G. Do the will of God from the heart ([Ephesians 6:6](#))
- H. Crucified with Christ, we are free, but choose to repent and turn from our sin
 - 1. Crucify envy, ego, entitlement, bitterness
- I. The Parable the Seeds ([Luke 8](#))
- J. Each one is tempted when drawn away by his own desires; God does not tempt us ([James 1](#))

II. FRUIT

- A. The Fruit of the Spirit are what enable us to steward the Gifts of the Spirit in an edifying way ([Galatians 5:22](#))
- B. Many of us would say that we want to remain free, but struggle to do so
 - 1. We are given guidelines for how to respond when a member of the family of Christ falls ([Galatians 6:1-5](#))
- C. Each one is responsible for himself, but we are all in this race together