



BIBLE PLAN

MID-YEAR RESET

DAY SEVEN: WALK IN FREEDOM

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." **Galatians 5:1 NIV**

This Scripture reminds us that *"it is for freedom that Christ has set us free."* Believers' sins are forgiven on the basis of Christ's perfect sacrifice. Now we can live in freedom from the law, and we can live in freedom from the consequences and power of sin. The NLT says, *"Christ has truly set us free"; believers are "truly free"* to live for the things of God. Paul also reminds us that before Christ's sacrifice, we lived under the bondage and heavy weight of the law. We were burdened by demands we could not keep. Christ's death and resurrection broke our bondage to the law. Jesus' perfect life and holy sacrifice on the cross completely fulfilled the law. Anyone who trusts in Him for salvation is made right with God. We have true freedom from the law, as John 8:36 says, 'So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.'

He then encourages us to stand firm in our freedom from the bondage of the law, which we have so graciously received through Christ's sacrifice. Finally, He warns us not to become enslaved by this heavy burden once again.

This shows the heart of God our Father and the deep love He has for us. He is calling us to live fully in the freedom He gave everything for us to have.

God is urging us to live in the freedom Christ gave His life for. God is telling us not to fall back into the lie that we must earn our salvation or acceptance through our own obedience or goodness.

Pause and ask yourself, am I living from freedom or for freedom? Am I checking off boxes to try and remain in right standing with God? I prayed today, check. Read the Bible, check. Gave water to a homeless person, check. Phew! Now I'm good with God.

All those things are great to do, but God loves you even if you don't get it all right all the time. Begin walking in freedom today and lay down the heavy burden of earning it. It can't be earned. Forgiveness, grace, and freedom must simply be received, believed, and walked out.

REFLECT:

- Read Galatians 5:1 again. What does "Christ has set us free" mean to you personally?
- When you think about your relationship with God, are you living from the freedom He has given you, or are you trying to earn His love or acceptance through performance and striving to be in right standing with Him?
- Is there an area where you feel you have slipped back into spiritual "slavery" through guilt, shame, fear, legalism, or self-reliance?
- How can remembering that salvation is a gift of grace change the way you approach prayer, Bible reading, and serving others?

PRAY:

- Take time to surrender to God the lie that you need to earn your salvation. Thank Him for His sacrifice and for the gift of forgiveness and grace.
- Ask God to help you fully receive His grace and walk confidently in the freedom He has already provided through Jesus.

