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Just because you have been set free doesn't mean you will always stay free.

Galatians 5:1–15 – So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law. Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ will be of no benefit to you. I'll say it again. If you are trying to find favor with God by being circumcised, you must obey every regulation in the whole law of Moses. For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace. But we who live by the Spirit eagerly wait to receive by faith the righteousness God has promised to us. For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love. You were running the race so well. Who has held you back from following the truth? It certainly isn't God, for he is the one who called you to freedom. This false teaching is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough! I am trusting the Lord to keep you from believing false teachings. God will judge that person, whoever he is, who has been confusing you. Dear brothers and sisters, if I were still preaching that you must be circumcised—as some say I do—why am I still being persecuted? If I were no longer preaching salvation through the cross of Christ, no one would be offended. I just wish that those troublemakers who want to mutilate you by circumcision would mutilate themselves. For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another.

Real freedom …

1. Rejects what culture says about freedom.

    - The ability to do whatever you want.
    - Never having to do something you don't want.

2. Stands firm in the faith through Christ alone.

    - Jesus + _____ will always minimize the power of Jesus' blood.
    - Jesus + _____ will always elevate man's role in salvation.
    - Follow truth even when others run away.

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3. Expresses itself through the way we love.

    - Will you satisfy your own desires?
    - Will you serve others willingly?
    - Will you speak to devour, divide, or build up?

Coming soon:

1. **Connect:** Use the QR code to connect with DRC and to sign up for info and prayer updates.
2. **Christmas for Our Neighbors:** Find your place to connect with and serve others this Christmas. From decorating the church … to packing care boxes … to providing food for families … to our community movie night, there is something for everyone. Use the QR code or stop by the display on Main Street to find out how you can give and serve our neighbors during this Christmas season.
3. **Pray for Harlem Missions:** Begin praying for our team headed to Harlem, NY November 18–22. Pray that they will have opportunities to bless people and share the Gospel.
4. **New Year, New Service Time:** Mark your calendars and plan accordingly. Beginning Sunday, January 10, our 9:15 am service is moving to 9:00 am. This provides more time for all the activities that take place each Sunday.