

# Philadelphia Church

*Staying Free*

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## 2nd Corinthians 3:17

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

## John 8:32

<sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

## John 8:36

<sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

# Three types of negative influences:

- ◇ 1- Sustained sin

- ◇ 2- Sustained illness

- ◇ Luke 13:10-13 On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” <sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

- ◇ 3- Sustained worldly influence



# Bondage in various forms:

- ◆ Mindsets
- ◆ Deceptions
- ◆ Habits
- ◆ Entangling sins
- ◆ Addictions
- ◆ Hurts and pains

# Galatians 5:1

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## Galatians 5:1 KJV and NIV and NLT

- ◆ Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. KJV
- ◆ 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. NIV
- ◆ 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. NLT



# Definition

Eleutheros- (Greek) meaning delivered from obligation, not under restraint, unbound, free to realize one's Destiny in Christ.

# Ways we have freedom in Christ:

## ◆ 1- Freedom from the law of Moses.

◆ Galatians 5:4-6- <sup>4</sup> You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

## ◆ 2- Freedom From The Bondage of sin.

◆ Romans 8:1-2- Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.



# Cont.

## ◇ 3- Freedom from traditions

- ◇ Colossians 2:20-23 Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: <sup>21</sup> “Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”? <sup>22</sup> These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. <sup>23</sup> Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

## ◇ 4- Freedom From The Works of the flesh.

- ◇ Galatians 5:13 & 17 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

# Galatians 5:16

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Flesh (Sarx) does not mean physical body, rather it is self-serving desires and motivations or the whole self under the power of sin

## Galatians 5:13

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## Galatians 5:16-18

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

## Works of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21)

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

# Fruits of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

# Quote

Fruits of the spirit are not given they  
are grown. PD



# Galatians 5:6b

The only thing that counts is faith  
expressing itself through love.

# Quote

Stop trying to bring to life what God  
has already put to death. -DBH