

Sermon Study Guide



#7: Give Me My Freedom

Law & Liberty: Experiencing Freedom in Christ

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In this series we will study the book of Galatians to see that the one true Gospel—the Gospel of Jesus Christ—provides a balance between rules and law and freedom and grace.

Reflect

What do you appreciate most about living in a democratic country where you have ample freedom to live out your life?

Read and Discuss

Scripture

Galatians 5:1-15

Discussion Questions

1. Read Galatians 5:1-15. There are many Christians who have been set free by Jesus Christ, but are not enjoying their freedom because they are unaware of the freedom they have in Him. How were the Galatian Christians fooled by Judaizers as far as their salvation was concerned? How did it affect their walk with the Lord?
2. What are the freedoms that you can actually enjoy in Christ given in our passage?
 - a. **The Freedom of Owing Nothing (v. 1-3).** What challenge did Paul place before the Galatians? How are the requirements by the Judaizers for the non-Jews' salvation differ from what the Word of God actually requires in order to be saved? What does it mean that your salvation is a free gift? Why is the freedom of owing nothing for salvation a wonderful freedom? Why are you free from sin's hold on you?
 - b. **The Freedom to Enjoy Grace (v. 4-6).** How did some of the Galatian Christians become estranged from Christ? Why wouldn't a Christian who has estranged himself from Christ because of how he/she chooses to live be able to enjoy grace? What is grace and why should you enjoy it in your Christian walk? How is grace different from a

work-based and performance-based Christian life?

- c. **The Freedom to Grow Spiritually (v. 7-10).** How did Paul picture the Galatian Christians' experience? Why was false teaching such a big deal to Paul? Why should biblical truths never be compromised? What happens if you have the habit of questioning the basics of Christian truths? Why won't it help you in your spiritual growth? On the other hand, how would you grow if you know and understand the truth?
- d. **The Freedom to be Different (v. 11-12).** What is the meaning of "the offense of the cross?" How does the cross offend? What makes Christianity different from other religions? Does it matter that the world will never accept Christianity as mainstream (normal)? What makes you different, having placed your faith in Christ?
- e. **The Freedom to Love (v. 13-15).** Does your freedom as a Christian give you a license to sin? What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself? How is that possible? What should be your motivation to enjoy the freedom to love?

Respond

In Walk: Our Christian freedom wasn't free. It cost the Son of God, Jesus Christ, His life so we can enjoy the freedom of owing nothing, enjoying grace, growing spiritually, being different, and to love. As you enjoy these freedoms, remember to praise Him, thank Him, and worship Him!

As you grow in Christ, how would you free yourself of the things that might hinder your progress? How can you show love to people around you?

In Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for the freedom that I can enjoy in my Christian living because my Lord Jesus Christ has paid for the penalty of my sin. Thank you that I am no longer in bondage of sin. You have freed me up and enabled me to enjoy my life with You even here on earth. May I honor You in my life and always glorify Your Name as a respond to everything You've done for me. In Jesus' Name, Amen