



Freedom

The Heart Of God

God's Grand Purpose - Freedom

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For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 ESV

- 1. God's Grand Purpose**
- 2. God's Great Liberator**
- 3. God's Glorious Impact**



I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— **not that there is another one**, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, **let him be accursed**.

Galatians 1:6-8 ESV

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. Let me ask you only this: **Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?**

Galatians 3:1-3 ESV

For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:11-12 ESV

So then, the law was our guardian [school master, educator, teacher] until Christ came, **in order that we might be justified by faith.**

Galatians 3:24 ESV

Coherence In Contrast

- **The True Gospel vs. A False Gospel**
- **Faith vs. Works**
- **Sonship vs. Slavery**
- **Liberty vs. Legalism**
- **Fruit of the Spirit vs. Desires of the Flesh**

Law Vs. Grace

- **The law reveals sin — Grace atones for sin**
- **The law condemns the sinner — Grace redeems the sinner**
- **The law condemns the best man — Grace saves the worst man**

Law Vs. Grace

- **The law shuts every mouth before God — Grace opens the mouth to praise God**
- **The law says, “the wages of sin is death” — Grace says, “the gift of God is eternal life”**
- **The law creates bondage — Grace creates freedom**

God's Great Liberator

The Greek word for freedom (eleutheria) was a technical term from a legal document in Paul's day for freeing a slave in Roman society. The one set free is at liberty, capable of movement and unfettered. When Christ purchased us from spiritual slavery, He did not do it to bring us into another form of bondage.

Truly, truly, I say to you, **everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.**

John 8:34 ESV

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, **you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?**

Romans 6:16 ESV

For God so loved the world that he gave **[free gift]** His one and only Son **[Jesus Christ]**, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 NIV

... when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 ESV

Freedom From The Penalty Of Sin - How?

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us.**

Romans 5:8 ESV

In him we have redemption **through his blood,** the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Ephesians 1:7 ESV

Freedom From The Penalty Of Sin - How?

And you, who were dead in your trespasses...
God made alive together with him, [Jesus]
having forgiven us all our trespasses, **by
canceling the record of debt that stood
against us** with its legal demands.

Colossians 2:13-14 ESV

Freedom From The Power Of Sin

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would **no longer be enslaved to sin.**

Romans 6:6 ESV

Freedom From The Power Of Sin

For sin will have **no dominion over you**, since you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 6:14 ESV

We are truly free to choose righteousness.

Freedom From The Presence Of Sin

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also, he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Revelation 21:4-5 ESV

God's Glorious Impact

- **Freedom and the Gospel**
- **Freedom Alleviating Suffering**
- **Economic Freedom**
- **Individual Freedom**

This Week's Request

- **Read the Galatian Letter – 15 minutes**
- **Read the Declaration of Independence – 6-8 minutes**
- **Read the Bill of Rights: First 10 Amendments to US Constitution – 2 minutes**

This Week's Request

Gather with your family or others to offer thanksgiving to our LORD Jesus Christ for the freedoms He has blessed us with in this country.

James 1:17, 1 Timothy 2:1-2 ESV



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