

Freedom in Christ
Galatians 5:1

Intro: The people living in the Apostle Paul's day enjoyed few of the freedoms we enjoy today.

* What "freedom" then was Paul talking about in his letter to the Galatians?

I. Freedom form the Law

- Freedom from the principle of "law".

Three effects of the Law when revealed

1. It awakens _____ Rom. 7:7-11

2. It produces _____ Rom. 7:18

3. It produces _____ Rom. 7:24

*Christians had to obey human laws but were free from the principle of God's law – How was this possible?

II. The Gift of Freedom – Rom. 6:12-14

- Social customs and laws kept a great number of people in slavery in Roman Civilization.

- Christians were no longer under the rulership of law but under the rulership of grace.

III. The change from Law to grace.

- How does the change take place?

Step #1 – The Law reveals _____

Step #2 – The Word reveals _____

Step #3 – Jesus resurrects _____

*The law of commands imprisons.

*The law of grace sets free.

IV. What does freedom mean?

- What does this change actually do for me?

- Freedom means:

A. We are free from _____

-Rom. 8:7 _____

-Under grace we have help:

1. The assurance of the cross _____

-Acts 2:38

-I John 1:7-9

-Gal. 5:3

2. Guidance of the Word _____

3. The power of the Holy Spirit _____

-Acts 2:38

-Rom. 8:9-17

B. We are free from _____

-Heb. 9:27 _____

-Rom. 3:23 _____

-Rom. 8:1 _____

Summary

- In the end true freedom enables us to do and want to do what God asks of us.

-Free to offer _____

-Free to honor _____

-Free to share _____

***Which “law” are you under?**