

Freedom Without Mixture

- I. Christ Has Set Us Free (Gal. 5:1; Lk. 4:18) – **Essential & Foundational Truth**
 - A. How?
 1. Died to break the power of sin (Rom. 6:11)
 2. Paid the price we could not pay (Rom. 5:6, 8; 1 Pet. 3:18)
 3. Died the death we could not die, to save us from God's wrath (Eph. 5:6; Col. 3:6)
 4. Redeemed us from the curse of the Law (Gal. 3:13)
 5. Redeemed from our former manner of life (1 Pet. 1:18)
 - B. Why?
 1. **"FOR"** freedom – aim and/or purpose of His action
 2. To enable us to live in *relationship* with our Father (Gal. 4:16)
 3. To enable us to live by the *faith* in the Son of God (Gal. 2:20)
 4. To enable us to live by the *power* of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:16, 25)
 - C. Exhortation
 1. **"Stand Firm"** in the freedom that Christ gained for us (Gal. 1:6; 2:4, 11, 14; 4:30) – **DON'T DRIFT AWAY FROM YOUR FREEDOM!**
 2. "Do not submit again to a yoke of slavery"
- II. No Mixture (Gal. 5:2-10)
 - A. What is the mixture? – Combine 2 mutually exclusive things: **grace & law**
 - Circumcision is the gateway to the rest of the Law
 - A foot in two boats – nothing good can come of that!
 - It's easy to allow mixture to come into your Christian life – **slavery!**
 - B. Consequences of Mixture
 1. Christ will be **"no advantage"** to you (Gal. 5:2) – think you sufficient and have no need for Christ
 2. We are obligated to keep the whole Law (Gal. 5:3) – **NO** picking & choosing – **"If one, the ALL!" – AN IMPOSSIBLE MISSION!**
 3. We are severed from Christ (Gal. 5:3a)
 4. We fall from grace (Gal. 5:3b)
 - C. Examples of Mixture
 1. Leavening of the lump (Gal. 5:9) – adding even a little **"LAW"** to grace nullifies grace! – **"I can make it on my own effort!"**
 2. Placing others on the same level as Christ (Lk. 9:28-36) – **"Hear Him!"**
 - Don't hang on to Moses!
 3. Combining old & new things (Lk. 5:37; Heb. 8:13) – Don't mix old & new
- III. Freedom Explained (Gal. 5:6, 13-14) – **How are you living now that you have freedom?**
 - A. Don't live by the Law (legalism) – **That is NOT FREEDOM!**
 - B. Don't live a self-indulgent life – **"I can do whatever I want to do!"**
 - C. Serve others in love – **"Don't just be a consumer. Be a producer!"**
 1. Is your **time, heart, home, bank account FREE?** – OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S URGING
 - We need a greeting team
 - Join a small group – Dennis & Nigel (Tuesday)
 - Give financially, provide food for YP, Scott Mission food, etc.

WE WANT YOU TO LIVE IN THE FREEDOM CHRIST GAINED FOR YOU!