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## ***For Freedom's Sake***

**GALATIANS 5:1-15**

***Freedom in Christ* IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.**

*For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. v. 1*

### ***The "What and Where" of True Christian Freedom***

**Freedom in Christ is an \_\_\_\_\_ proposition.**

*Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you.*

*I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law.*

*You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. vv. 2-4*

**Freedom in Christ brings a comforting \_\_\_\_\_.**

*For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. vv. 5-6*

**Freedom in Christ will inevitably be attacked by its first enemy: \_\_\_\_\_.**

*You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you.*

*A little leaven leavens the whole lump. I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. vv. 7-10*

**Freedom in Christ does not mean worldly \_\_\_\_\_.**

*But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves! vv. 11-12*

**Freedom in Christ has a second enemy: \_\_\_\_\_.**

*For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. v. 13*

**Freedom in Christ is practiced and perfected by \_\_\_\_\_ others.**

*For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

*But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. vv. 14-15*

**IF YOU ARE IN CHRIST ... YOU ARE FREE!**

*Are you \_\_\_\_\_ walking in that freedom?*

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## SERMON DEVOTIONAL STUDY

1. What in this sermon was especially helpful to you?

2. Read Galatians 5:1-15. When we are legalistic, Paul says “you have fallen away from grace” (v. 4). He is not saying we will lose our salvation, but what is he saying we *will* lose? What can we do to make sure that we stay free?

3. Freedom has two enemies: *legalism* and *license*. Explain how drifting into either of these is the opposite of freedom.

### *Hold fast the freedom*

“It is best to be watchful and constant, so that you may keep and hold fast the freedom with which Christ has made you free. Those who are complacent and negligent cannot keep this freedom, for Satan has a deadly hatred of the light of the Gospel—that is to say, the doctrine of grace, liberty, consolation, and life. Therefore, once he sees it begin to appear, he fights against it with all his might and force, stirring up storms and tempests to hinder its course and overthrow it. Therefore, Paul warns the believers not to sleep, not to be negligent, but constantly and valiantly to resist Satan, so that he does not spoil them of the freedom that Christ has purchased for them.”

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4. Does Christian freedom give one license to do whatever they want? Why or why not?

5. Read 1 Peter 2:16. Instead of supporting our freedom, how does indulging in our sinful nature take it away?

6. Paul tells us, “do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” What does it look like, practically speaking, to serve others with our freedom?

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events). They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

**TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP AND SERVE.** If you're connected at Christ Chapel, take your next step and start serving! Text “CCBCServe” to 555-888 for a list of ways you could serve at our church and in the community.

### **MARRIED COUPLES, TODAY'S THE FINAL DAY TO TRY RE|ENGAGE FOR THE FALL.**

Whether you'd rate your marriage as a two or a 10, re|engage is a place to connect, grow closer and strengthen your relationship. Register at [www.ccbcfamily.org/reengage](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/reengage) and then join us today at 5 p.m. in Link Classroom North.

**USE THE STAND-BY LINE AND SEE “SINGIN' IN THE RAIN” THIS WEEK.** Final performances of the Broadway show are taking the stage this week. If you weren't able to get tickets, invite someone and use the stand-by line. To date, we've never had to turn people away, so it's very likely that we'll have a seat for you. Visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/musical](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/musical) for more info.

**LEAD A HOME GROUP THIS FALL.** You don't have to have all the answers or years of experience to lead a group—just a heart for helping people connect and discover more about God. We're looking for men, women and couples of all ages, and we'll provide everything you need to lead. Email David at [DavidG@christchapelbc.org](mailto:DavidG@christchapelbc.org) to say you're interested.

**LADIES, REGISTER FOR “INTENTIONAL COMMUNICATION.”** Wish you were more equipped to speak with justice, mercy and humility in the challenges of daily life? Join Women in the Workplace on Monday, Aug. 26 and hear Melissa Schroeder, Chair of Communication Studies at TCU, teach how your words can change your workplace, friend groups and more. Register for dinner (\$10 per person) at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

**LET'S SERVE OUR SCHOOLS!** With the Serve Our Schools ministry, you can make an impact in a neighborhood public school by mentoring, helping a child learn to read, or giving a teacher an extra hand. Whether you have an hour to give each week or month, you can make a much-needed impact. Interested? Email Cathy at [CathyS@christchapelbc.org](mailto:CathyS@christchapelbc.org) this week.

**JOIN THE DREAM TEAM IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY.** Are you a baby whisperer, craft enthusiast or game playing guru? Maybe you're a story reading champ or a snack sharing expert? Put your skills to dream team use and help kids discover the God who loves them! Join us today at [www.ccbcfamily.org/dreamteam](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/dreamteam).

**GET IN A FALL BIBLE STUDY!** Looking for a place to connect? Band of Brothers and Women in the Word will be meeting weekly, beginning in September, to study the Bible together. You'll get to sit with the same group every week and even have a chance to share a meal together. Learn more about their studies, “Sinner and Saint” and “Lavish Love,” and sign up at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

Close in prayer by asking the Lord to show you this week how He will use this passage of Galatians in your life, and watch expectantly to see what the Holy Spirit will do.