

FREEDOM IN CHRIST

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Jeanna's notes

Gal 5:1-2

5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Liberty is a choice. The devil tries to take our liberty away. Be aware if you hear something don't let it go. Be aware of the bondage to rules and regulations. Be free to be what God created you to be.

The context for Galatians is Paul writing about the Judeizers coming in to put the Hebrew Christians back under the law from which they were set free. They said it's alright to be free but keep practicing these laws. There is a difference between law and grace.

Rom 6:14-15

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

We are not obligated to the Old Testament law because we are under grace.

Gal 5:2-5

2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

Gal 5:7-8

7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

You can't take just a little law because the law works as a whole. How far do you want to go with Christ being of no effect? It only takes 8 min. for leaven to get throughout a batch of dough. If you take one part of the law you take it all. Don't take any! The law brings bondage. It brings, "you should, you ought, and you must"!

Gal 5:1-2

5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Stand = hold to a certain course, persevere, be constant in purpose. To continue to abide, covenant.

We received the New Covenant with God, the rights and privileges as sons to enjoy.

Fast = firmly fixed, steadfast, constantly consistent.

Liberty = freedom, be unrestrained, go at pleasure as a citizen and not as a slave whether freeborn or set free, be exempt from obligation, make free. Liberty and freedom come from the same Greek word.

It is your choice to be free! I am on a course to move away from the law and walk by faith in grace. It is a certain course. We can walk in love, happy and joyful, believing God and overcoming by the word of God when problems arise. We can walk and enjoy the good of God.

Christ has made you free!

John 8:31-33

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Freedom is directly in proportion to the truth you know. If you continue in the word, we can be independent thinkers. We can establish beliefs for ourselves. The answer from God will always bring freedom for you! The Holy Spirit will always lead you to be free. If someone tells you the Holy Spirit is leading a certain way that brings bondage, it's NOT the Holy Spirit!

Bondage takes away life, initiative, and creativity.

Rom 8:2-3

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Follow the Holy Spirit; he leads us into all truth.

John 8:32-33

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

The truth you KNOW sets you free.

2 Cor 3:17-18

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

The Holy Spirit always takes you to the Word.

John 14:26-27

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

God wants his people free, not in bondage to religion. Religion is so subtle.

Luke 4:18-19

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Jesus came to bring liberty to the captives. In the Old Testament in the year of jubilee, everything was restored back to the original owners. God is into restoring. Healing and prosperity is ours now. We receive the benefits; we don't have to wait 50 years!

Pay attention when things are said. You will either get a witness or "it's not good", that is the Holy Spirit wanting to keep you in liberty.

Gal 2:4-6

4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus that they might bring us into bondage:

5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

Treat the bondage just like a snake coming to bite you!

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Gal 4:5-6

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

God adopts us as his own. He bought us back that we can walk as sons.

Rom 8:15-16

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

1 John 2:20-21

20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. KJV

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Freedom takes us out of the pack mentality; we all believe what the group says. What do you believe? If we continue in the word, the truth sets us free. I believe it because the bible says it to me!

True freedom comes from knowing the word, especially the New Testament. Stay with the word. The word of God defends itself.

Gal 5:16-17

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit , and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

The Holy Spirit is very involved with us walking in liberty. Let Him be involved, it's his ministry to lead us into the truth. If you will pay attention, the Holy Spirit will lead and guide you and give you a witness.

You choose to walk in liberty by choosing to receive and know the word. If you believe something that is producing bad fruit, abandon that belief and replace it with the truth. Be diligent to be aware of wrong doctrine.

I like what Galatians 2:20 says in the Message Bible:

I tried keeping rules and working my head off to please God, and it didn't work. So I quit being a "law man" so that I could be God's man. Christ's life showed me how, and enabled me to do it. I identified myself completely with him. Indeed, I have been crucified with Christ. My ego is no longer central. It is no longer important that I appear righteous before you or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God. Christ lives in me. The life you see me living in not "mine," but it is lived by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. I am not going to go back on that.

Is it not clear to you that to go back to that old rule-keeping, peer-pleasing religion would be an abandonment of everything personal and free in my relationship with God? I refuse to do that, to repudiate God's grace. If a living relationship with God could come by rule-keeping, then Christ died unnecessarily.

This is a new day!