

Set Free for Freedom!



Introduction

- * **July 4th celebration**
- * **Talk and act as if...**
- * **Quote from Abraham Lincoln**
- * **Galatians 5:1**
- * **Galatians 5:13**



We are free from sin

- * “quickly deserting “ (Galatians 1:6).
- * Win approval of others (1:10).
- * Hypocrisy and leading others astray (2:13)
- * Bewitched—evil eye— (3:1)
- * Cutting in on someone (5:7,8).
- * Caught and we could be tempted (6:1)



Free from the Burden of Legalism

- * **Observing special days (4:10)**
- * **If you let yourselves be circumcised (5:2)**
- * **Called a “different gospel” (1:6).**
- * **Free from rules that others make up**
- * **“False believers” spy on our freedom to make us slaves again (2:1-5).**



We are free from Indulging



- * Walk by the Spirit, not the flesh (5:16-17)**
- * Passions and desires (5:24)**
- * Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying one another (5:24-26)**
- * “For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit” (Galatians 5:17)**

Called to be Free—

Identity



- * **Carry each other's burdens**
- * **What counts is the new creation (6:15)**
- * **To extend the right hand of fellowship (2:9)**
- * **Our calling is simple—continue to remember the poor (2:10)**
- * **I have been crucified with Christ (2:20).**

Free to Serve One Another Humbly in Love



- * The only thing that counts
- * Because of Christ's love for me
- * Entire law... love your neighbor as yourself
- * Fruit of the Spirit is love

Conclusion



We are free in Christ for...

- * Freedom from sin**
- * Freedom from the burden of legalism**
- * Freedom is our calling and identity**
- * Freedom from indulging**
- * Freedom to serve one another humbly in love**