

What is Freedom?

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Galatians 5

Galatians 5:1 “It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.”

What is Freedom?

Merriam-Webster

1: the quality or state of being free: such as

- a. the absence of necessity, coercion, or constraint in choice or action
- b. liberation from slavery or restraint or from the power of another : INDEPENDENCE
- c. the quality or state of being exempt or released usually from something onerous
- d. the power of choice

What does Jesus set us free from?

Sin – (sinful nature)

Romans 6:6 “We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.”

Satan – (ungodly beliefs)

1 Corinthians 10:4-5 “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God...”

Self – (self-reliance, works)

Galatians 3:3-4 NLT “How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? Have you experienced so much for nothing? Surely it was not in vain, was it?”

What does Jesus set us free for?

Romans 7:6 NLT “But now we have been released from the law, for we died to it and are no longer captive to its power. Now we can serve God, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way of living in the Spirit.”

Galatians 5:13-15 (The Message) "It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom."

"Our freedom is described as a free, joyful, satisfying obedience to God."

John Piper

Where do I need the Power of Grace to be SET FREE?