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TRUE Freedom

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Galatians 5:1, 13 "So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law. For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love."

Discovering True Freedom in Christ

1. In Christ, I am SET FREE.

Galatians 5:1 "So Christ has truly set us free…"

Luke 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

In Christ, I am free from...

• The penalty of sin: Romans 3:24 "God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins." • The power of sin: Romans 6:6-7 "We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin."

• The condemnation of sin:

Romans 8:1-3 "So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to Him, the power of the lifegiving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. God sent His own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving His Son as a sacrifice for our sins."

• All blame: 1 Corinthians 1:7-9

Accusation: Colossians 1:22

• Death: 2 Corinthians 1:10

• The power of darkness: Colossians 1:13

• Fear: Hebrews 2:15

• Temptation: 2 Peter 2:9

2. In Christ, I STAY FREE.

Galatians 5:1, 13 "Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law. For you have been called to live in freedom."

Stay Free by Walking in FAITH: Galatians 3:22 "We receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ."

Stay Free by Walking in the TRUTH: John 8:31-32 "Jesus said, 'If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Stay Free by Walking in the SPIRIT: 2 Corinthians 3:17 **"For the Lord is the Spirit,**

and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

Galatians 5:16-17 "So I say, live by the Holy Spirit's power. Then you will not do what your desires controlled by sin want you to do. The desires controlled by sin do not want what the Spirit delights in. And the Spirit does not want what the desires controlled by sin delight in. The two are at war with each other. That's why you are not supposed to do whatever you want."

> **3. In Christ, I SERVE in Freedom.**

Galatians 5:13 "Use your freedom to serve one another in love."

Matthew 10:8 "Freely you have received; freely give."

Jude 1:22-25 "And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives. Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into His glorious presence without a single fault. All glory to Him who alone is God, our Savior through

Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are His before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen."

Memory Verse for this week: "So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law."