

1. Christ has set us free

- a) Galatians 5:1
 - i) Paul uses the word “freedom” and its cognates 28 times in his letters. What are we set free from?
 - (1) Bondage to works-oriented life
 - (2) Bondage to sin
 - (3) Bondage to the devil
- b) Galatians 1:3–4
- c) Galatians 2:16
- d) Romans 6:14, 18
- e) Romans 8:1
- f) Galatians 4:3, 8
- g) Hebrews 2:14–15

2. The dangerous consequences of legalism

- a) Galatians 5:2–12
- b) What is the consequence of trying to add to what Christ has done by our law keeping?
- c) Have you ever tried to earn God’s favor? What traps are waiting for you as you walk down that road?

3. Misuse of our freedom in Christ

- a) Galatians 5:13
- b) What danger is Paul warning against?

- c) How would you respond to someone who said, “I’m not saved by my works so I can do whatever I want as long as I have accepted Jesus as my Savior and remember to confess my sins?”

4. Freedom to serve in love

- a) Galatians 5:13–15
- b) John 13:34–35
- c) Romans 5:5
- d) Mark 10:42–45
- e) Share an example either in Scripture or in your own life of someone who served others in love as a result of a living connection with God.
- f) Think of a time when you sensed God inviting you to serve someone in love. How did you respond? How did that service in love affect you?

5. Discussion questions

- a) Why do people try to take away our freedom in Christ even today? What are they afraid will happen?
- b) How can we help others to experience true freedom in Christ? John 8:36

