

# TRUE FREEDOM

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GALATIANS 5:1-7,13-16

Fellowship   
CHURCH

# Independence -



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Freedom - The condition of not being  
under unwanted control or influence





**Circumcision was a first step in identifying with the whole system of Jewish law, agreeing to that system as a means of being acceptable to God.**



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**For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.**

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**For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?**

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For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

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# True Freedom

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Christ frees us from the impossible  
burden of having to be good enough  
for God.



# A Warning For Believers

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- "Stand firm" (v.1)
- "Do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (v.1)
- "You were running well." (v.7)
- "obeying the truth" (v.7)



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**GALATIANS 5:5**



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# What Does the Scripture Say?

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- Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus..."
- Heb 10:10 "We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."
- 1 John 3:1 "See what kind of love the Father has lavished upon us..."



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2. You don't know enough.



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- John 14:26 "...the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."
- 1 Cor 14:26 "For who has understood the mind of the Lord...but we have the mind of Christ."
- Col 3:10 "...put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator."



His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

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II PETER 1:3



# Three Categories of Spiritual Slavery

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1. You're not good enough.
2. You don't know enough.
3. You're not powerful enough.



# What Does the Scripture Say?

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- Ro 8:9 "Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Christ"
- I Cor 12:13 "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body..."
- Eph 3:20 "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us"
- Eph 1:19 "...the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead..."



# What about sin?

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1. Live free.
2. Live in love.
3. Live by the Spirit.



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GALATIANS 5:13-14,16



