



**Sermon Outline
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The Power of Freedom!

Galatians 4 & 5

Galatians 5:1 - It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

*** Embracing the law as our way of relating to God requires _____ of Jesus.**

Galatians 5:4 - You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.

What does Christ free us from?

1. Having to _____ our way into heaven.

Galatians 4:21 - Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says?

*** In the system of law-keeping the rules are as follows:**

Keep the commandments; _____ the penalty.

Break the commandments; _____ the penalty.

Romans 6:23a - For the wages of sin is death...

*** The rules for being saved by grace are as follows:**

Keep the commandments; but _____ the penalty.

1 Peter 3:18a - For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

Break the commandments; but _____ the penalty.

Romans 6:23b - ...but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. Being good enough for God to _____ us.

God loves you and there's nothing you can do about it!

Romans 5:8 - But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

3. Bondage to our _____.

Romans 7:19 & 24-25 - For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing... What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*** Christ frees you from not only the penalty of sin but its _____ as well.**

Romans 6:14 - For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

What does Christ free us to do?

Matthew 22:37-39 - Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

1. Love _____.

1 John 4:19 - We love because he first loved us.

** Anything we do to develop and deepen our relationship with God that becomes more important than our actual relationship with God becomes works-based religious activity.*

2. Love _____.

*** Because it's no longer a _____.**

Galatians 5:6 - For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

If we are not expressing our faith in God through our love for Him and for others, nothing else we do really _____.