

**THE APOSTLE PAUL'S EPISTLE
TO THE
CHURCHES of GALATIANS
CHAPTER 5:1-12**

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“GIVE ME LIBERTY...” – PART 2

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Galatians 5:1-12

“...Give me liberty or give me death”
(Patrick Henry)

Liberty From

Tyrannical governments, dictatorships, and communism all agree - you cannot give a man liberty because he will self-destruct. A man, a nation, and a world must be under the rules and regulations of others or else a man, a nation, and a world will be overcome by anarchy.

And so billions of people today live with little or no freedoms. No freedoms to think independently. No freedoms to desire a bigger life. No freedoms to launch out beyond the horizon of their puny world.

Remember why our founding fathers and our relatives came to America
That we might worship God without interference and live without
unreasonable taxation

Well, the bible teaches that until a man is liberated – he is dead.
Dead in sin, dead in this world – dead in legalism!

...And so the cry for Liberty!

And Liberty can be ultimately defined by one little word - **“Grace”**

**There is no real life without liberty
and there is no Liberty without Grace**

**In fact, a life without the Grace of GOD
is not life at all**

1 Timothy 5:6

But a person who lives in or for pleasure is dead
- while she lives.

And so my Friend - You can go through the motions of
life - Without really living Life !!!

In Our Last Study Together

1.) *Life demands freedom*

vv. 1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be
entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

>>>>>> *The Stand fast* <<<<<<<

Paul the Apostle

Has likened the Old Testament Law to a **Schoolmaster** .

He has likened it to **Hagar**

...And now Paul likens the Law to a **Yoke of Slavery**.

Life demands freedom

a.) *We're determined to go forward*

Stand fast therefore



Stand Fast grk 4739 steko (stay'-ko);

fix your feet firm - to be stationary with the intent to persevere:

We're determined to go forward

Philippians 3:13-14

13Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,
14I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Life demands freedom

b.) *We're strengthened by God*

in the liberty by which Christ has made us free,...



Liberty

grk 1658 eleutheros (el-yoo'-ther-os);

to be unfettered and able to move about. Go in and out as one pleases; to be a citizen of a liberated country.

Galatians 3:13

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),

We're strengthened by God

Our Christian Freedom can be Measured by Our
Liberty

Not to Sin / Not to Act up / But to ***Advance the
Kingdom***

Are You Advancing the Kingdom in Dollar &
Deed?

True Freedom is Active – not leisure

Life demands freedom

c.) *We're not going back*

and do not be **entangled again** with a yoke of bondage.



entangled grk 1758 enecho (en-ekh'-o);
to be cut off from. To break off or to cease advancing. (by)
keeping a grudge; to have an ongoing quarrel against another.

Your Argument is With Christ!

To be entangled again
means to willfully go back to the prison after once having been set free

Some people just can't handle freedom

“Give me some Do’s and Don’ts... *please!*”
It’s the fallen human
nature that keeps score

2 Corinthians 10:12

Keeping holy points is not a good idea - - those who measure themselves among themselves, and comparing themselves alongside themselves, are not very wise people.

and do not be **entangled again**
with a yoke of bondage.

The Legalist tries to Yoke you to their Control

Leviticus 26:13

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should no longer be their slaves; I have broken the yoke of bondage and I have made you to walk with your heads held high.

When a Man is Set Free by God – He’s Liberated!

***And that Man is a Man Anchored to what the Bible
Teaches, Instructs, and Commands***

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

“Take My yoke upon you...” –
"For My yoke is **easy** and My burden is light."
The word **“Easy”** here is the Greek word for
“Gracious or Graceful”

The Believer's Yoke is Broken by Jesus Christ

(a spiritual healing begins)

2.) *Liberty brings wealth*

vv. 2-6

2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, (1) **Christ will profit you nothing.** 3 And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that (2) **he is a debtor to keep the whole law.** 4 You have (3) **become estranged from Christ,** you who attempt to be justified by law; (4) **you have fallen from grace.** 5 For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

Here Paul Gives Us (4) Things That Rob Us of Our Liberty

Liberty brings wealth

1.) *Zero profit to the one who does it his way*

v.2

Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised,
(1) - **Christ will profit you nothing.**
(2)

Circumcision was to be *only a sign...*
Not the "Avenue of Redemption"

They Looked at the Outward Law - *more...*

Romans 9:31-33

but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. 32 Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. 33 As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, and whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

Galatians 2:16

16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Rather - Liberty brings wealth

Ephesians 1:17-18

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Romans 11:33

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments...

Ephesians 1:7

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Philippians 4:19

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Liberty brings wealth

2.) *Bankrupted by old debts*

v.3

And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised
(2) - that he is a debtor to keep the whole law.

The law here is the Old Testament which is an Old Debt
(born into this debt - we inherited the debt)

James 2:10

For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

Imagine the insecurity and eternal danger this belief is...

Imagine All your life you have struggled to never be a part of evil, anger, or lustful thoughts. You only did good, and you did it all the time and never did you do any wrong - ever...

And so while you're on your way to deliver food for the carebear ministry, you see a brood of little chicks crossing the street, you jump out of the car to rescue the ducks (chicks) but end up slamming you fingers in the door and you let out a cry " \$%#\$*%#&% " just then a mack truck hits you in the middle of a bowling word

Based Upon Your Own Standard - You're Going to Hell

A Parabolic Teaching

Luke 7:41-50

"There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 "And when they had nothing with which to repay, he **freely** (by grace – literal translation) forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" 43 Simon the Pharisee answered and said, "I suppose the one who was forgiven the most." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged."

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and "**come short**" of the glory of God;

(Insufficient , not enough - *as in funds*)

Are you demanding?

>>> Then you will never really know if that husband or wife,
if that daughter or son really loves you.

>>> Are they obeying you because they have to,
Or are they obeying you because they know that you want
the very best for them?

Then be like God and give them liberty

Legalism Dwarfs - - Liberty Enlarges!

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Liberty brings wealth

3.) Broken by the past

v.4a

You have **(3) - become estranged from Christ,**

In Old Testament times when a man sinned...
He would go and offer a sacrifice for his sin.

“Just to maintain fellowship with God”

...but then Jesus came!

...estranged from Christ

Broken Fellowship

Liberty brings wealth

4.) Frustrated by failure

v.4b

you who attempt to be justified by the law;
(4) - you have fallen (away) from grace.

Frustrated by failure

What does it mean to “have fallen from grace?”

First –

It does not mean that - *they lost their salvation*



Fallen grk 1601 ekpipto (ek-pip'-to);

To drop out of the race. To fall further and further behind. To fade away.

It means that they had been “**backsliding**”
away from God’s desired path of travel

They were not guilty of overt sinning.

(Drunkenness, false doctrine, fighting, or evil practices)

But of neglecting the work of Jesus

Either it's by the Grace of God or by Your Human Perfection To keep the perfect holiness of God

Galatians 3:10

For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

Liberty brings wealth

e.) *We're waiting for the ultimate liberty*

v.5-6

For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. **6 For in Christ Jesus** neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but **faith working through love.**

True Saving Faith

Will produce more godly fruit and practical works than anything else because the motivation is love for God, and the glory of His name in the earth.

Jesus, please use my life to bring
You glory

Verse 5

**For we through the Spirit
eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.**

What is that Hope that a Christian waits for?

1Thessalonians 1:10

and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. (Tribulation period)

Philippians 3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Hebrews 9:28

so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

1Thessalonians 4:16-18

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Why do we eagerly wait?

At that moment, our redemption will be complete

Matthew 25:21

"His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

WHEN WE CAN CRY “GIVE ME LIBERTY”

LIBERTY AND HAPPINESS COMES AT THE GREATEST EXPENSE

“GIVE ME LIBERTY”

3.) *And happiness comes at his expense* vv. 7-12

You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10 I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is. 11 And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased. 12 I could wish that those who trouble you would even cut themselves off!

Happiness comes at his expense

a.) *Knowing Jesus gives us a reason*

v.8-9

You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?
8 This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you.

_____ ***the movie*** _____

Behind the scenes of the movie “**Chariots of Fire**”
Eric Liddell was a Christian who loved God and loved to run.

*“How is it that you seem to enjoy
the discipline and conditioning?”*

“It’s my joy to run for Him,
because when I run - I sense God’s pleasure.”

Verse 7

Who (it’s not me) **hindered you**
(stepped in front of you – took cuts)
from obeying (doing the right thing) **the truth?**

To Run
In the Greek Olympic Games
you had to be a **confirmed Greek citizen**.
And you had to **hold to your own lane when running**

*The Judaizers would
“take cuts”
in front of a runner just to slow him down*

Legalism prevents you from obeying the truth
LEGALISM, CALVINIST, ARMENIANS, MORALIST
They hinder a man’s growth in the Lord...

And happiness comes at his expense

b.) Knowing the Lord encourages us

v.9-10

9 **A little leaven leavens the whole lump.** 10 I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is.

“Unchecked Sin”

in a gathering of believers, “Unchecked Sin” will soon destroy people...

A little leaven leavens the whole lump

Leaven spreads like cancer.
It infects the whole lump of dough until the whole lump is leavened.

Dad’s Sourdough Pancakes

Growing Up with Sourdough Pancakes,
The entire house would fill up with the smell of Sourdough

Verse 10

I have confidence in you, - - **in the Lord**,
that you will have no other mind

the leaven of the legalist is here. But I'm sure that you will be removed...
it from the lump so that the souring will not take place...

1 Corinthians 8:1
...love builds up!.

And happiness comes at his expense

c.) *Knowing God makes me appreciate Him*

v.11-12

11 And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased. 12 I could wish that those who trouble you would even cut themselves off!

I wish that they would cut on (circumcise) themselves.
If they are going to keep the law to gain salvation,
they will need to cut everything off by
Castration - - *it's the most holy human effort!!!*

***There's a Fall Sale going on at Home Depot -
Chain Saws!***

It's no wonder "Legalism" hurts

Paul says

*"Go ahead Judaizers – cut everything off so you cannot have any more
legalistic children."*

Church & Personal Application

Verse 10

I have confidence in you, - in the Lord,

A Healthy Church, A Healthy Family,
A Healthy Christian,

Is One who is Powerful in the Grace of God:
Enjoying Freedom, Knowing he is Wealthy in God
and Running without Hindrance

Is there a yoke in your life?

How can I identify a yoke that exists in my life?

If there is, how is it broken? - Let Jesus break it - not you

He does it by the word of God - the bible.....