

FINDING FREEDOM

God's Dream is for all of us to be FREE.
Christ came to set us FREE.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

Galatians 5:1

What Stops Us From Experiencing Freedom?

SIN -- Sin is anything that SEPARATES us from God.

If we commit sin = GUILT

If we are sinned against = HURT

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Galatians 5:24

LEGALISM -- Legalism is striving to please God.

Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is required to obey the whole law.

Galatians 5:1b-3

Obligation to endless RULES

Obsession with SELF

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

Galatians 5:4

How Do We Experience Freedom?

Rest in God's GRACE.

For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

Galatians 5:5-6

TRUST God instead Of TRYING to please God.

LICENCE is desire running wild.

Don't MISUSE your freedom.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh;.... For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

Galatians 5:13,17

Embrace your freedom by FOLLOWING the Spirit.

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh....But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.....Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16, 18,25

Don't COMPLICATE it.

...rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.

Galatians 5:13b-14