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What does it mean that for freedom Christ has set us free (Galatians 5:1)?

In [Galatians 5:1](#), Paul reminds the Galatian believers that “it is for freedom that Christ has set us free.” Believers’ sins are forgiven on the basis of Christ’s perfect sacrifice. Now believers can live in freedom from the law, and they can live in freedom from the consequences and power of sin. The NLT says, “Christ has truly set us free”; believers are “truly free” to live for the things of God.

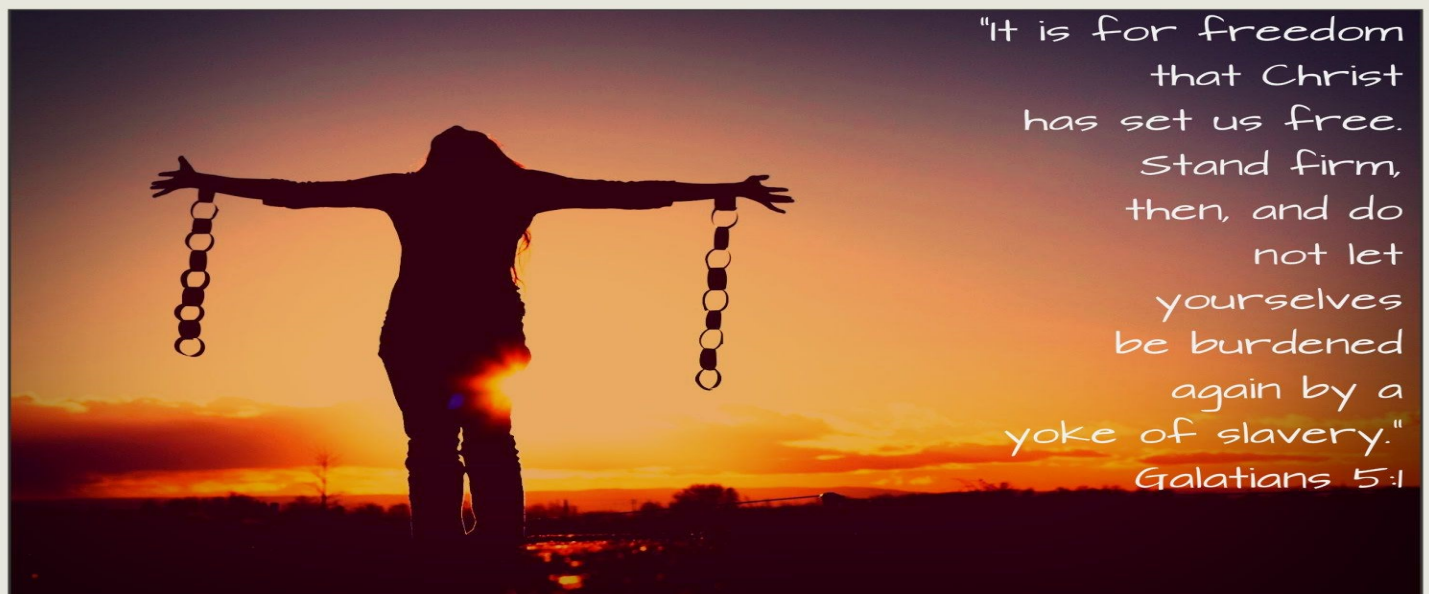
The occasion of Paul’s [letter to the Galatians](#) was that false teachers had come into the churches there. These teachers promoted legalism and tried to require Christians to observe the Old Testament rules, laws, and ceremonies, especially circumcision ([Galatians 2:3–5](#)). Paul, in no uncertain terms, says that “for freedom Christ has set us free” and that Christians should not be placed back under the law’s yoke of bondage ([Galatians 5:1](#)). The law’s purpose was to reveal our sinfulness (see [Romans 3:20](#)) and to bring us to Christ ([Galatians 3:24](#)).

Before Christ’s sacrifice, we lived under bondage to the law ([Galatians 4:3](#)). We were burdened by demands we could not keep ([Acts 15:10](#)). Christ’s death and resurrection broke our bondage to the law. Jesus’ perfect life and holy sacrifice on the cross was the complete [fulfillment of the law](#), and anyone who trusts in Him for salvation is made right with God. Only Christians have true freedom from the law. [John 8:36](#) confirms, “If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

In Christ, we are free from the Mosaic Law’s oppressive system, and we are also free from the penalty and power of sin. Before Christ, we lived as slaves to sin ([John 8:34](#)). We sought to gratify our desires and lived for ourselves. We were dead in our sins ([Colossians 2:13](#)) and were destined to face the consequence of our sin, which is death ([Romans 6:23](#)). Yet, when we trusted in Christ for our salvation, our course in life completely changed. We were released from the law’s bondage because for freedom Christ has set us free.

Believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit and are characterized by a joyous freedom to follow Christ and God’s design for life ([Galatians 2:20](#)). The Bible is clear that [Christian freedom](#) is not a license to sin. Instead, believers are free *not* to live for sin and are free to live holy lives in Christ. For *this* freedom Christ has set us free: to live in relationship to God and others the way He intended ([Galatians 5:13](#)). Believers are free to live an abundant life ([John 10:10](#)), and we have been given everything we need for life and godliness ([1 Peter 1:3](#)).

Jesus did what the law could not do—He took away our sin and saved us, and in doing so He set us free from the penalty and power of sin. For freedom to follow His design of life He set us free. “The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin’s control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit” ([Romans 8:3–4, NLT](#)). Now we who have this freedom can live in God’s ways and love others well in the power of the Spirit ([Galatians 5:13–26](#)).



GOD'S BLESSINGS OCT.31, 2021

BUDGET NEEDS:	\$7,157.70
BUDGET RECEIPT:	\$9,664.94
WORLD HUNGER:	\$1,245.00
WORSHIP:	158

GOD'S BLESSINGS NOV. 7, 2021

BUDGET NEEDS:	\$7,157.70
BUDGET RECEIPT:	\$9,026.25
IN MEMORY OF MARY NORMAN	\$50.00
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:	166

GOD'S BLESSINGS NOV. 14 2021

BUDGET NEEDS:	\$7,157.70
BUDGET RECEIPT:	\$8,653.00
IN MEMORY OF MARY NORMAN	\$293.00
WORLD HUNGER	\$50.00
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:	132

Senior Saints: here is something to be considering. This is short notice but in order to get tickets, I had to reserve them quickly. I have 22 tickets to the play "Christmas in the Mountains" at Wohfahrt Haus Theater in Wytheville for a matinee on Friday December 17th with a cost of \$52. This includes play, meal, tip, and taxes. If you are willing to ride the bus, please let me know by the pinto bean lunch or you can call me to reserve tickets. I will need the \$52 no later than November 21st. Sorry for the short notice.

Pat Luffman, 336-366-0422.

Service Times

Sunday

- 10:00 am - Children's Sunday School
- 10:00 am - Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 am - Worship Service

Wednesday

- 7:00 pm - Children Night Class
- 7:00 pm - Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 pm - Youth Bible Study

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Tri-C for November: Toothpaste Donations:

Ark Meal for Nov. 16: Melinda Cockerham

Operation North State is a non profit organization whom supports Veterans in many ways. Again this year, they have asked for our help with the NCCARES Christmas Box Project. All throughout NC, they provide Christmas Boxes for shut-in Veterans. From now to December there will be a collection box for items to donate. These men and women deserve our thanks for their service and this is a small way we can honor them. If you know a shut-in Veteran, please contact Operation North State to add them to their list of recipients.

Senior Saints: Pinto Bean Lunch is Wednesday, November 17 at 12:30. Please join us!

Thanksgiving in Panther, WV: Partner with Stone's Throw Christian Ministries and Panther Missionary Baptist Church to provide Thanksgiving Meal Boxes to families in Panther, West Virginia. Boxes will be packed on Nov. 18th and delivered Nov. 20th.

Hanging of the Greens: Please mark your calendar to join us for our "Hanging of the Greens" service on Sunday Nov. 28th, 5:30pm. This is very special time for our Church and we encourage you and your family and friends to attend. There will also be a Soup Supper in the fellowship hall following the service.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, we still need servants in the following areas: Vacation Bible School Director, Sunday School teachers for our 2, 3, & 4 year old children, and teachers for our 3 & 4 year old children on Wednesday night. Please be in prayer about these positions and contact the Nominating committee with questions: Kevin Calloway, Gala Calloway, Steve Martin, Kari Reeves and Sheila Settle. Thank you!

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Thanks for your support in showing the love of Jesus!

1 Chronicles 29:13

WORLD HUNGER

TOTAL OFFERING

\$1,804.00