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 **Let Freedom Reign!**

Galatians 5:1-15

**Key Truth:**  When we place our faith in Jesus Christ, we receive freedom that transforms every area of our lives.

**The Central Work Of The Cross:**

1. Jesus Himself is the truth that sets people free.

2. The truth of His person and work is what gives a

 believer freedom from sin and freedom to connect with

 God.

**Freedom From Performance:**

1. The Law cannot do what Jesus Christ has done.

2. Trying to please God through religious rituals will

 separate us from God’s grace.

3. Righteousness is given to us from Jesus Christ not

 something we earn.

**Freedom For Service:**

1. Our faith in Jesus Christ gives us the freedom to love

 others genuinely.

2. Our faith becomes active and made effective through

 loving acts of service.

3. Christian love is seen in our service to one another void

 of competition.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Praise God for the redemptive work of Jesus Christ that brings freedom. Allow the wisdom and love of God shown in Christ to transform you into a vessel of love, joy and service.

**Food For Thought**

If you were free to do whatever you wanted for one day, what would you do?

How do you define freedom? How does our culture define freedom?

Read John 8:31-38: What must saving faith center on? What alternative in verse 33 do the Pharisees find more appealing? Why is it insufficient?

How does the truth Jesus speaks of set someone free?

Read John 8:39-47. What works did Abraham do that the Jews in this passage did not do?

Who did Jesus say was the true father of His opponents? What evidence supports His claim?

What rules and laws do you unnecessarily enforce on yourself in an attempt to earn God’s approval? What are the greatest obstacles in your life to freedom in grace?

How does your understanding of truth and grace give you freedom?