

Galatians 5:1-4 **Christ Hath Made Us Free**

1. **Law vs grace, liberty vs bondage**

- a. Justification by **faith**. (Gal 2:16)
- b. Do not frustrate the **grace** of God. (Gal 2:21)
- c. Chapters three and four expounded on the concepts of **by grace through faith**.
- d. What is gained/received by grace through faith (Gal 2-4)
 - i. Justification, righteousness, the Spirit, spiritual connection to faithful Abraham, promise by faith of Jesus Christ, inheritance, adoption of Sons, freedom, spiritual connection to Sarah (promise/grace) and Isaac (promise)
 - ii. The Galatians were deceived that they would gain these promises through the law.
 - iii. Paul did not receive what we teach by men nor their traditions. (Gal 1:12)
- e. What is gained/received by the law (Gal 2-4)
 - i. Condemnation, guilt/unrighteousness, the flesh, no place with Abraham, no promise/inheritance, a curse, concluded in sin, death, sin has dominion over you, spiritual connection to Hagar (bondage) and Ismael (no promise), cast out
 - ii. The Galatians cannot gain by the law, but in Christ they have already received.
 - iii. Christ is of no effect to those under the law, but it is contrary to us. (Gal 5:4, Col 2:14)

2. **Stand fast in liberty • Galatians 5:1-2**

- a. Yoke of bondage: The weak and beggarly, the bondwoman's son, the law. (Gal 4:9, 21, 28, 31)
- b. Stand fast, firm, stablished by the gospel regarding the mystery of Christ. (Rom 16:25)
- c. Christ hath made us free. To serve sin? No, free from sin and its power, its dominion. (Rom 6:6)
 - i. A high calling in Christ, we must walk according to what we are *called*. (Phil 3:14)
 - ii. Are we called dead to the law? Yes.
(Rom 6:14, Rom 7:4, Eph 2:15, Col 2:12-17, Gal 2:19, 3:23-35)
 - iii. But alive unto whom? Christ. (Rom 6:11, Gal 2:20, Col 3:3-4)
- d. Does not being under the law breed sin? No, it kills sin and makes you able to serve God.
- e. Stand fast therefore in **LIBERTY** and do not be trapped in a snare of the **LAW**. (Titus 3:9)
- f. It is wrong for you to require circumcision on the eighth day. (Lev 12:2-3)
- g. It is wrong for you to cry out as David, "Judge me... according to my righteousness."
(Ps 7:8, Phil 3:9)
- h. It is wrong to say, "it shall be our righteousness... to do all these commandments."
(Deu 6:25, Rom 3:19-20)
- i. It is wrong for you to demand water baptism required for a nation of priests.
(Ex 29:4, 1 Cor 1:17)
- j. It is the "doctrine of devils" to put any believer under the curse of the law. (1 Tim 4:1-4)

3. **Christ of no effect • Galatians 5:3-4**

- a. A debtor to the law... none can be justified. (Gal 3:11-13, Rom 4:4)

- b. No effect? Vain. Not good! (Gal 2:2, 4:11)
- c. Fallen from grace? Not salvation being lost, but a wrong walk answered for in judgement. (1 Cor 3:12-15)
- d. To live by the law is to live a life of condemnation after the flesh. (Rom 7:24, 8:1)
- e. This may seem contrary to appearances. A show of the flesh is sinfully considered righteous. (Gal 4:10, 6:12, Col 2:20-23)
- f. This is the devil's tactic. He appears as an angle of light, he has ministers of righteousness, he uses cunning craftiness. (2 Cor 4:3-4, 2 Cor 11:13-15, Eph 4:14)
- g. We must know **what** God has said, **when** He said it, to **whom**. We must be dispensational. (Col 1:9-10)