



Freedom to Hope: Not Despair | Galatians 5:1-5

1. How would you define freedom? When in your life have you felt most free? How would your friends, family, the media, our culture define freedom?
2. Read Galatians 5:1-5 What has Jesus set us free from? What is the yoke of slavery that Paul refers to in v1? (Acts 15:10) Why do you think grace is so hard to receive?
3. In what ways were you burdened and under a yoke of slavery prior to coming to Christ? How is your life different now? Have you ever slipped back into your old way of thinking?
4. V 2-4 How are the Galatian Christians in danger of losing their gospel freedom? Are we ever in the same danger? What unnecessary rules and regulations do Christians tend to impose on one another today? What do you do, or struggle with, in your life that limits your freedom in Christ?
5. How would you interpret Paul's phrase 'fallen away from grace' in 5:4? What implications might this verse have for the discussion of whether someone can lose their salvation or not? How does 1 John 2:19 fit? Have you ever felt like you 'lost' your salvation? What caused such fear? Were there any scriptures that gave you assurance and comfort at that time?
6. Is it possible to abuse our freedom in Christ? Gal 5:13 What has Jesus set us free for? Gal 2:20, 3:13, 4:5,
7. What is the hope that Paul says we are to eagerly await? How should our certain future hope in Jesus shape how we live today? Share some practical steps you can take this week?
8. Use the following to lead a time of prayer together

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?