All Saints Day ~ Sunday, November 1, 2026
"Experiencing the Grace of Christ: For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free"
Galatians 5:1-15 John 8:31-36

What exactly is Christian freedom? Does it mean that God's commandments no longer_____and we're free to do whatever we want? Or is there something much deeper and more wonderful about the freedom we've received in Christ?

Christian freedom isn't simply freedom_____something; it's also freedom _____something. Christ has set us free so that we might live in His grace, remain faithful to His truth, and serve one another in love.

THREE CALLINGS

Calling #1: _____.
"For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1)

Paul's words here aren't _____–he doesn't say that Christ_____set us free if we try hard enough, become good enough, or manage to keep all the rules. He says that Christ_____set us free.

That distinction is important because, like grace, Christian freedom isn't something we achieve through our own_____. It's God's free gift, received through _____in Jesus.

In verses 2–4, he warns that if they accept circumcision as a requirement for justification, they'd be placing themselves under an_ obligation to keep the _____Law, which, as we saw last week, was_____, no matter ow hard they tried. Even more seriously, they'd be turning away from Christ as the _____basis of their salvation.

The problem was trusting in religious observance rather than Jesus as the means of being made_____with God. That's why Paul describes it as returning to a yoke of_____. The moment we begin to believe that God's acceptance depends on our ability to perform, achieve, or measure up, we place ourselves under a _____that we were never meant to carry.

Prayer, worship, obedience, and holy living are all important parts of the Christian life, but they aren't the_ means by which we_____God's acceptance. Rather, they're the grateful_____of those who've already been accepted through Christ.

We don't obey God in order to become His children; we obey Him because, by _____, we already are His children.

Jesus has____the price for our salvation and opened the door to a new relationship with God. Yet, we can sometime continue living as though we must _____what He's already freely given.

"So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)

Jesus is speaking about our_____to sin and the freedom that only He can provide.

And while Paul's immediate concern in Galatians is the danger of relying upon the Law for_____, both passages remind us of the same essential truth: genuine spiritual freedom is found in_____ alone.

However, the good news is: what we could never accomplish for ourselves, Jesus has_____ for us.

In other words, don't surrender the freedom Christ has_____for you. Don't allow yourself to be drawn back into the exhausting belief that you must somehow earn God's_____.

Instead, as Paul reminds us in verses 5-6, continue_____in Christ through faith, as the Holy Spirit works within you. For what ultimately matters isn't an outward religious mark, but what Paul calls "...faith working through_____."

Are we truly living in the freedom Christ has given us,
or are we still trying to earn what His grace has already provided?

Calling #2: _____.
"You were running well; who prevented you from obeying the truth?" (Gal 5:7)

He wants them to recognize that they were being led astray by people whose teaching was undermining their_____in Christ.

They hadn't stopped being religious. In fact, they were being encouraged to become more religious, by adding additional_____to their faith. However, in doing so, they were being led away from the very_____that had brought them into a relationship with God in the first place.

"A little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough." (Galatians 5:9)

Just as it only takes a small amount of yeast to work its way through an entire batch

of dough, even a seemingly small _____ of the Gospel can have far-reaching _____.

However, that seemingly small addition changed the very nature of the Gospel because once we begin adding requirements to Jesus' finished work on the cross as the _____ of our salvation, grace is no longer grace.

Not every teaching that uses Christian language is necessarily _____ to the Gospel. Not every message that sounds spiritual will lead us closer to Jesus. Sometimes the danger is obvious, but other times, it comes through subtle shifts in _____. This is why we need to remain firmly grounded in God's _____.

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:31-32)

Christian freedom isn't preserved by setting aside the _____ of God's Word; it's preserved by remaining _____ to it.

As followers of Jesus, we need to be _____ about the voices we listen to and the teachings we allow to shape our understanding of God.

The measure of sound Christian teaching isn't just whether it sounds appealing, makes us feel good, or lines up with the culture, but whether it's _____ to the truth that God has revealed.

"I wish those who unsettle you would castrate themselves!" (Galatians 5:12)

His words may seem harsh to us, however, they reflect his deep pastoral concern for a Church whose _____ freedom was being threatened.

We're called to _____ the truth of the Gospel, not with arrogance or hostility, but with humility, conviction, and _____.

Calling #3: _____.

"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another." (Galatians 5:13)

Christian freedom isn't simply the freedom to do whatever we _____. It's the freedom to love and _____ others as Christ has loved and served us.

When our world talks about freedom, it usually means _____ –the ability to make our own choices, pursue our own desires, and live our lives without anyone telling us what to do.

Because the truth is, we can be free to do whatever we want and still find ourselves _____ to our own desires, ambitions, and selfishness.

Instead of being controlled by religious rules and expectations, we become controlled by our own _____, constantly seeking whatever makes us happy.

That's why Paul warns us not to use our freedom as an opportunity for _____. Christ hasn't set us free so that we can become more self-centred. He's set us free so that we can become more _____, and as a result, more _____ toward one another.

It's not service motivated by fear, guilt, or _____, but service that flows naturally from a _____ that has experienced the love and grace of Christ.

"For Christ's love compels us..." (2 Corinthians 5:14)

"For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:14)

Paul isn't suggesting that God's commandments no longer matter. Rather, he's showing us what obedience to God looks like when it flows from _____ rather than from an attempt to earn His favour. Love doesn't replace holiness or make obedience unnecessary. Instead, genuine love expresses itself through a life that seeks to _____ God and care for others.

"If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another." (Galatians 5:15)

Paul understood that even a community of believers who'd received God's grace could become _____ by pride, selfishness, and conflict.

"...speak the truth in love." (Ephesians 4:5)

What kind of witness do we offer the world if we proclaim a Gospel of grace, but fail to _____ that grace in the way we treat one another?

The freedom we've received from Christ increasingly becomes _____ in the love we show to others. Because the clearest _____ that we're living in the freedom of Christ isn't just what we've been set free from, but how we choose to _____ with the freedom we've been given.