

Freedom for Righteousness

Galatians 5:13-14


**God-given freedom always comes
with God-given purpose.**



Freedom Is Not Independence from God

13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:13-14 (NIV 2011)



Freedom Is God's Gift

13a You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.

God calls His people into freedom.

Galatians 5:13a (NIV)



Freedom Means We Belong to Christ

19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)



Freedom Is Not Self-Ownership

16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

Romans 6:16 (NIV)



Freedom Is Not Self-Ownership

17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. 18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

Romans 6:17-18 (NIV)



Freedom Belongs Under God's Authority

16 Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves.

1 Peter 2:16 (NIV)



Freedom Becomes Loving Service

13b But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:13b-14 (NIV)



Love Fulfills the Law

8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet,"

Romans 13:8-9 (NIV)



Love Does No Harm

9b and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Romans 13:9-10 (NIV)



Christ Is the Pattern

45 “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life—a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:45 (HCSB)



Closing Charge

Free in Christ.

Servants of God.

Loving our neighbor.

**Freedom is not the absence of a master.
It is deliverance from the wrong master
and joyful belonging to the right Master.**

