



Our Freedom in Christ

Galatians 5:1, 13-16

- 1) Christ set believers free from the *penalty* of sin
 - a) Freed from the hopeless task of saving ourselves,
 - b) He took our sin upon Himself, suffering our penalty
- 2) Christians are now free from the *power* of sin
 - a) Freedom from the guilt of sin (5:1)
 - b) Freedom to oppose the flesh, *not indulge it* (13a, 24)
 - c) Freedom to serve, not to demand service (13b)
 - d) Freedom to love others (14; cf. Lev. 19:18; Matt. 22:37, 39)
 - e) Freedom from hatred of one another (15)
 - f) Freedom to walk by the Spirit (16)
 - i) Unhindered by sin's power to keep the moral-legal law
 - ii) Shunning bad habits that could enslave us again
 - iii) Living peacefully without worry & anxiety
- 3) All believers will be set free from the *presence* of sin
- 4) Thoughts
 - a) We live in a free country, but that country has laws; so too the Christian faith
 - b) When we walk with Christ, His pleasing aroma is all over us