



Freed to Serve Galatians 5:1, 13-18

This sermon centers on Galatians 5:1 — “For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” The pastor explains that the freedom Christ offers is two-fold. It includes freedom from the law and sin, meaning we are no longer condemned or enslaved by rules or sinful desires. It is also freedom to live in holiness, empowered by grace to love and serve others selflessly.

The sermon challenges cultural ideas of freedom as self-expression and personal autonomy, showing instead that biblical freedom leads to humble service. Just as Christ, though fully free, chose to serve, believers are called to serve one another through love (Galatians 5:13), empowered by the Holy Spirit.

The message concludes with a call to trust God’s abundance. When we feel weary, overwhelmed, or unwilling to serve, we must remember that the same Christ who set us free from sin also equips us with strength and love through His Spirit. Freedom in Christ isn’t about doing what we want—it’s about becoming who we were created to be: people who love, serve, and reflect Jesus.

1. How do you personally define “freedom” in your walk with Christ, and how does that compare with the world’s definition of freedom?

How does freedom relate to boundaries, safety, and God's protective will?

2. In what ways have you experienced “freedom from” (sin, legalism, shame) and “freedom for” (service, holiness, love) in your spiritual journey?

Paul speaks of freedom not as self-expression, but as the ability to serve. How does that challenge or encourage you?

3. What are some real-life examples where following God’s will felt restrictive at first, but ultimately led to greater joy or peace?

Think of moments when you had to “trust the fence” rather than pursue what seemed like freedom.

4. The sermon highlights the idea that we often live with a scarcity mindset. How can we develop a mindset of abundance in our service to others?

What does it look like to trust the Holy Spirit to “supply” us when we feel emotionally, physically, or spiritually empty?

5. How do we discern God’s will when it feels unclear?

The sermon compares God’s will to walking with Him on the beach instead of searching for a narrow thread of destiny. What practices or mindsets help you stay close to God in seasons of uncertainty?

