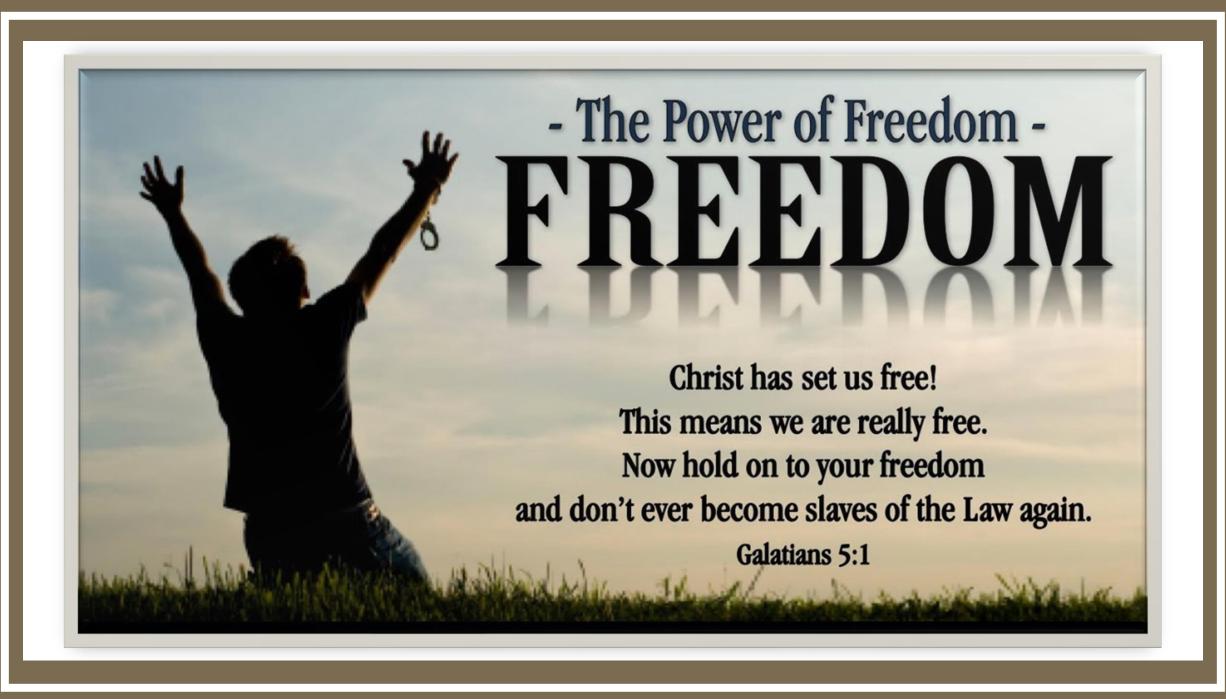


Galatians 5:1-2 (ESV)

1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
2 Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you.

The Point

Biblical freedom means we are liberated from the power of sin and the law through faith in Jesus Christ.



The Power of Freedom

- Biblical Freedom in the Bible
 - Liberates us from the power of sin & the law through faith in Jesus Christ
 - Allows believers to live in the grace of God & serve
 Him willingly
- This freedom is not a license to sin but a call to live righteously and lovingly under God's grace

The Power of Freedom

Freedom from sin & the Law

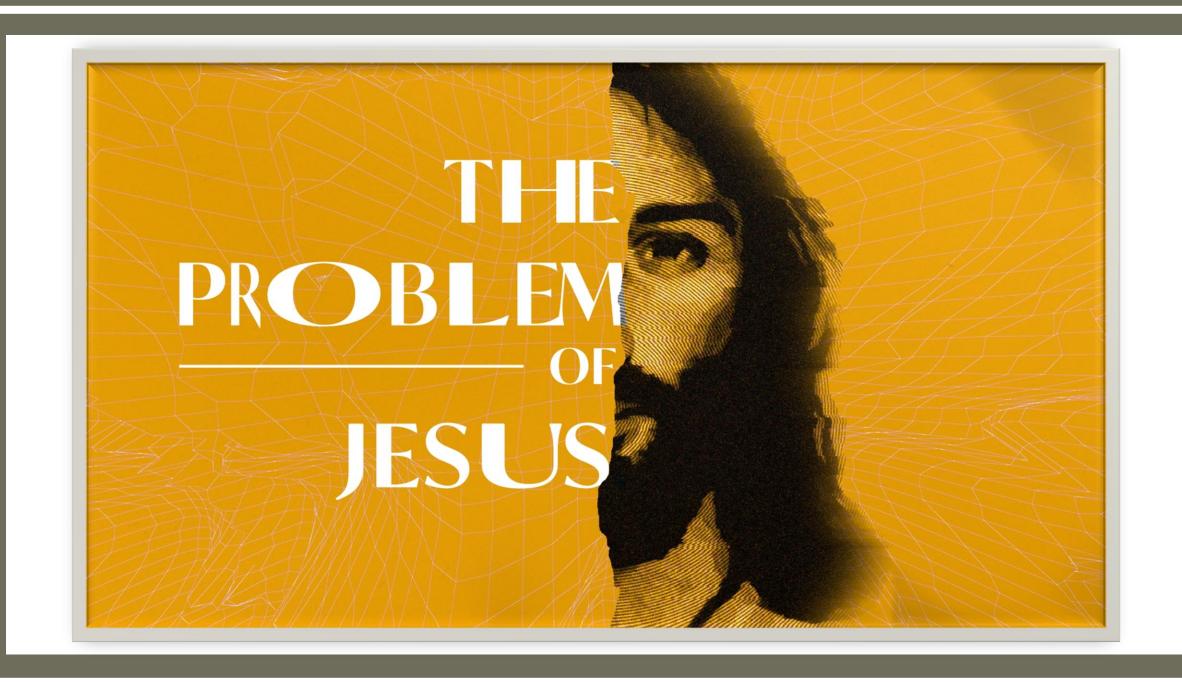
"For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."

(Romans 8:2 ESV)

- Tetelestai "It is finished"
- The Law as a burden (slavery) not a blessing

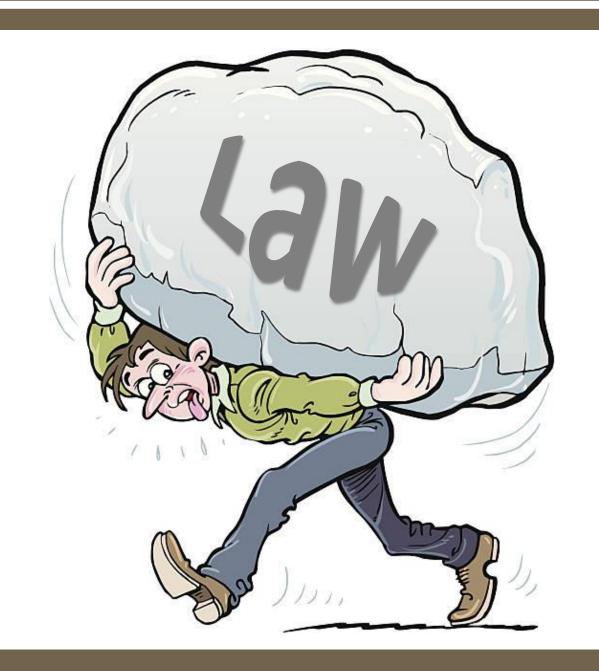
The Power of Freedom

- Circumcision was a sign/reminder of God's blood covenant with Israel (Genesis 17:10)
- For believers it is freedom
 - Picture of the Gospel
 - Reminder of God's love & faithfulness
- It is, not a badge of honor (slavery)



The Problem of Jesus

- Satan wants us to have a Jesus problem
 - Jesus is not enough to satisfy the wrath of God —
 Minimizes the power of the blood of Jesus
 - Elevates the role of man in salvation
- He wants us to believe that we need to do something to be saved – "lie from the pit of hell"



Burden of the Law

- Jesus & moralism
 - Things we should do to be blessed Activities that please God (religious activities)
 - Things that we do and not be blessed
 - Exhausting
 - Heavy burden
 - Shame
 - Fear of punishment

Burden of the Law

- Sin should result in holy sadness
- Jesus' blood lifted the burden of the Law
- All past, present & future big & small sins are covered in Jesus' blood & forgiven
- One action step "I just want your heart"