

Galatians 5:1 "Free in Jesus"  
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*(Galatians 5:1) It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

*(Galatians 5:1, NKJV) Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.*

**1) Stand Free from Sin – don't be bound in sin and temptation**

*(Romans 5:12) Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—*

*(Isaiah 61:1) The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,*

*(John 8:36, NKJV) "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.*

**Romans 6:22** "But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life."

*(1 John 1:9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

*(Psalms 119:32) I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free.*

**Galatians 5:13** "You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature, rather, serve one another in love."

**1 Peter 2:16** "Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God."

*(Galatians 5:2-6) Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to keep the whole law. You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.*

**2) Stand Free in Grace and Truth – don't be bound in legalism and lies**

*(Ephesians 2:8) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--*

*(Mark 3:1-6) Another time he went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone." Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent. He looked round at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was*

*completely restored. Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.*

1. Not open to change
  2. No joy
  3. More about approval than abiding
  4. Continually miss the work of God because you are more concerned with the laws of men
  5. Known more for what you are against than what you are for
  6. Quicker to condemn and judge than to love and restore
  7. Have a hard heart not a free heart
- Be Spirit-Filled not law-burdened

**Galatians 3:3** “Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?”

*(Philippians 2:13) for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.*

**3) Stand Free from Shame**

**4) Stand Free in Jesus – don’t be bound by circumstances**

*(Psalms 55:22, NKJV) Cast your burden on the LORD, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.*

*(Matthew 11:28-30) “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

- **Exchange the yoke of bondage for the yoke of Jesus!**

*(Psalms 34:17-19) The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;*

*(Revelation 1:18) I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.*

*(John 8:32) Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

*(John 14:6, NKJV) Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

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*All Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted. NKJV = New King James Version.*