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## **Why Is Christ Freedom?**

We have a choice to do things God’s way or to do things our own way. In Galatians 4, Paul teaches that Abraham was made promises through Sarah, yet Abraham decided to do things his own way through Hagar. Instead of following God and trusting in His way, he chose to go his own way. That is how Jerusalem was in the first century. Pharisees and Sadducees were doing things their own way, instead of God’s way. Following their own ways, instead of the Word of God. Paul teaches us that we are not to do any such thing and then concludes his teaching by stating in:

### **Galatians 5:1**

*“It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.”*

Paul states that Christ set us free for freedom. Some teach that Christ freed us from the law of God. However, the reality is quite the opposite. Christ is the Word of God, all of it, and we are to commit, trust, and believe in him. The Word of God includes the law of God, so are we suggesting that it is the law of God that is freedom? Yes that is what the Bible teaches:

### **Psalms 119:44-45**

*“So I will keep Your law continually, Forever and ever. And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Your precepts.”*

Clearly, the law is liberty. The law is the Word of God. Christ is the Word of God, thus, Christ is freedom. James agrees with Psalm 119, also stating that the law of God is freedom.

**James 1:25**

“But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.”

So our Messiah did not free us from the law of God. He came to free us by teaching us to follow the freedom of the law of God because that is also what he practiced and what he taught as our example.

*Christ is freedom because He brings us into the Law of God, because the Law of God is freedom.* The law is freedom, and thus, doing anything different than the same law that Psalm 119 describes is bondage. This should make sense because breaking the law of God is sin, and sin is bondage. So, if breaking the law of God is bondage, then that must mean that keeping the law of God, is freedom, just like Christ taught is freedom.

See how easy this is? So then, why does Paul seemingly begin to teach against the law of God, by teaching against circumcision? In verse 4, the answer becomes clear:

**Galatians 5:4**

“You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.”

Paul is teaching against the Pharisee understanding of circumcision being part of the salvation process, something that Paul, as a Pharisee, also used to preach (verse 11). If circumcision is being kept for salvation, then, of course, it negates grace and it becomes bondage instead of freedom. We are to obey the law of God as the way to live, not as a way to salvation. But, that does not mean that we are to not obey the law of God at all.

Remember, Christ is freedom because He taught and practiced the WHOLE Word of God. The Bible says that the Law of God is freedom.

For those that believe that Christ came to free us from the law of God must not realize that the law of God is declared to be freedom, and certainly our Messiah did not come to free us, from freedom. How much sense would that make?

... Just a thought.

**Shalom, and may Yahweh bless you in walking in the whole Word of God.**

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