

“Live in Freedom” Galatians 5:1-15

For believers, slavery to legalism is a choice. Living under the Law renders ineffective the power of God's grace in our daily lives. We have been set free by Jesus Christ to become and to do all that God has created us for. So choose freedom.

Live in Freedom (5.1)

1. Slavery in Legalism (5.2-5, 15)

- Legalism Brings More Obligations (v2-3)
- Legalism Brings you Lower not Higher (v4)
- Legalism is Earning not Receiving (v5)
- Legalism Leads to Division (v15)

- What is Legalism Today?
 - Comparison....

- How is Legalism Slavery?
 - Based on Performance
 - Brings Pride or Despair

2. Freedom in Christ (5.5-6, 13-14)

- Our Acceptance (5.5)
 - Based on Belief not Behavior
- Our Actions (5.6, 13-14)
 - Motivated by Love

1 Cor 9.24-27

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. 25 Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; 27 but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

3. Don't be Deceived (5.7-12)

Application...

1. Do you feel you are God's disappointment or delight?
2. Where are you most likely to find yourself a legalist?