

Session #2 – Not I But Christ:
Freedom!
(Galatians 2:11 – 5:1)

For Paul, Jesus Means Freedom – Ga 5:1 (“from ____”... “for ____”)

- We are born again free in Christ! – Ga 2:4
- Three freedom “thieves”:
 - ...sin consciousness – Ro 6
 - ...law consciousness – Ro 7
 - ...fear consciousness – Ro 8
- These yield an extreme SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS THAT HINDERS CHRISTIAN FREEDOM/TRANSFORMATION!

Our Liberation from Sin:

- We’ve been “justified” – Ga 2:16-17 (“been righteoused” – declared, made, kept right in Christ)
 - ...one time, forever-finished action of God – Ro 3:24-26 (a deposit of His righteousness)
 - ...an act (not process)... personal (not just judicial)... gift (never earned) – Ro 5:19; Heb 12:23; Eph 2:8
 - ...an at-one-ment – Jo 14:3; 1 Cor 6:17
 - ...it is not the alteration of God’s mind/vision about us – IT IS AN ALTERATION OF US!
– II Cor 5:21; Ro 5:18; 1 Jo 3:1
- We were “crucified with Christ” – Ga 2:20
 - ...a union with His death and resurrection – Ro 6:5,10-11
(past action, with abiding, present-tense, unending results)
 - ...our unrehabilitative “I”... “no longer lives” – Ga 2:20
(one “life” was ended so another could begin) – Ro 6:6-7
 - ...liberated from “sins” (what we DID)... from “sin” (what we WERE) – Col 2:13; II Cor 5:17
- The “Life” we now “live”:
 - ...alive to God – Ro 6:11
(we may now walk in our “newness”) – Ro 6:4
 - ...we live His life after we die His death
(there is no “just me” any longer, there is “Christ in me”) – Col 1:27
 - ...experienced and expressed by faith in Christ – Ga 2:20
(He alone is the Source and the Substance of all Christian living) – Col 3:4; 1 Jo 5:11-12

Our Liberation from the Law:

- Remember Your Beginnings: Ga 3:1-5
 - ...The Christian way is “Spirit” from start to finish – Ga 3:2,3; Phil 1:6
 - ...He is the only life-giving, energizing dynamic in Christianity – Ga 3:5
 - ...“Not I but Christ”: our salvation and living-the-Christian Life theology – Ga 2:20; Col 2:6
- Remember the Scriptures: Ga 3:6-9
 - ...“Rightness” with God has always been freely given and freely received – Ga 3:7
 - ...“Blessedness”: all the well being that flows freely from God – Ga 3:9
- Remember the Law: Ga 3:10-14
 - ...It is an “all or nothing”, “pass/fail” arrangement – Ga 3:10
 - ...What the Law can do: reveal, arouse, empower sin; regulate behavior – Ro 7:8-9; 1 Cor 15:56
 - ...What the Law cannot do: take away sin, justify, provide Life – Ga 2:16; 3:11; Ro 8:2-3
- Remember the Covenants: Ga 3:15-29
 - ...The Abrahamic covenant was a permanent and forever promise – Ga 3:18
 - (freely inherited, not legally merited – Ga 3:18)
 - ...The Mosaic covenant was an interim and temporary arrangement – Ga 3:19 (“added... until”)
 - (a convicting, custodial, carrier role – Ga 3:22-24)

Our Liberation for Sonship – Ga 3:26-4:7

- The Saving Life of Christ alone redeems us from slavery for sonship – Ga 4:3-7; 1 Jo 3:1
 - ...No need to live as minor children – without access to the family inheritance – Ga 4:1-3,15
 - ...No need to live as slaves – with no right to the abundance of the family estate – Ga 4:1-3,15
 - ...We are of “Isaac” (of divine promise), not of “Ishmael” (of human performance) – Ga 4:21-5:1

STANDING FIRMLY AND FREELY IN THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL – Ga 5:1

Stand Firm in Our Freely Given Child of God Identity – Ga 3:26; 4:5-6

- An uninterrupted, unhindered communion with our Father – Ga 4:6
 - ...a born-again identity rooted in our “second birth” – Jo 3:3-8
 - ...all we need to be living expressions of His Life – II Pet 1:3,4
- As His children we are always being loved into being – I Jo 4:19; I Cor 13:8
 - ...created and recreated in the image of love – Gen 1:26; I Jo 4:8,18
 - ...fully known and fully loved – Ga 4:9; Heb 4:13

Stand Firm in Our Freely Given Child of God Inheritance – Ga 3:29; 4:7

- In God’s promised sufficiency... Christ! – Eph 1:3; II Cor 12:9
 - ...as our “inheritance”, we may draw upon riches of Christ now – Ga 3:27; 4:6; Eph 1:3; II Pet 1:3,4
 - ...all equal heirs in Christ – Ga 3:28

Stand Firm in Our Freely Given Child of God Liberty – Ga 5:1; Ro 8:15

- All of God’s children are born free – II Cor 3:17
 - ...when the Truth Himself get the final word, we live freely – Jo 8:32-36
 - ...to stand firmly in our freedom is to stand in Christ alone! – Ga 5:1