

- 1D Knowing the truth – knowledge of the absolute and transcendant.
- 2D And having that truth make us free.
- 3B But free from what? John 8:33–36, "33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. "
- 1C It is not political freedom, but freedom from the bondage of sin.
- 2C But what does sin bind us from?
- 3C Sin binds us from fulfilling God's will for our lives: Romans 6:22, "22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. "
- 4C Our freedom in Christ is freedom to become all that God intends us to be.
 - 1D It is not freedom to do anything we wish:
 - 2D To do as we may; to travel as we may; to buy what we wish; to love as we will; to give as we desire.
 - 3D For all these expressions are only slavery to the one without Christ.
 - 4D It is rather the freedom to do God's will, unchained by death and sin, and to do all these things in pursuit of that goal.
- 5C Only a Christian can really understand freedom.

- 3E Explanation from Scripture (Isaiah 54:1): the great number of offspring through faith, 27: For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband."
- 4E Our status compared with that of Isaac, 28: Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. 29 But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now.
- 5E A call to cast out slavery from Genesis 21: 30 Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman."
- 6E Conclusion, 31: So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.
- 7E 5:1 Therefore, in the freedom in which Christ freed us, STAND FAST, and do not again become entangled in the yoke of slavery.
- 1F This final phrase from the apostle Paul tells us that Christ has freed us from the bondage of the Law, which is a worldly bondage.
- 1G It is the same bondage of Hebrews 2:14–15, "14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."
- 2G The dying nature of the flesh, plus the defining and condemning nature of the Law chain us to inevitable patterns of behavior.
- 3G The expressions may vary, but the slavery is constant and sure.
- 2F Instead, through our belief in Christ He has placed us in a new standing of freedom in grace.
- 3F It is freedom because:
- 1G We are forgiven;
- 2G We have been baptized into union with Christ;
- 3G We have the new birth and are new creatures.
- 8E So in Christ we have freedom from the old slavery.
- 2B John 8:30–32: "30 As He spoke these words, many believed in Him. 31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
- 1C Abiding in Christ's Word, the commands and the way of life that He gives us in the New Testament, establishes us as His disciples.
- 2C So it was for any disciple of any man or discipline.
- 3C There are two additional benefits to discipleship in Christ:

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1A Some crucial Bible principles:

1B Galatians 4:21–5:1:

1C Context: faith in Christ sets us free from the Law of Moses.

1D Faith in Christ equals fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham, Galatians 3:26–29, "26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. "

2D Faith in Christ equals adopted status as sons and heirs with Christ, which is freedom from sin, Galatians 4:4–9, "4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. 8 But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods. 9 But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage? "

2C Exposition:

1D A call to listen to Moses' Law in order leave it behind, 21: Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?

2D The status of the mothers of Abraham's sons, 22: For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman.

3D The status of the sons, 23: But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise,

4D The nature of the teaching, 24a: which things are symbolic.

5D Explanation of the symbols, 24b: For these are the two covenants:

1E The Sinai-bondwoman-earthly Jerusalem family, 24c-25: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— 25 for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children—

2E The Jerusalem above family, 26: but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.