

God has called us to Christian Liberty

**Galatians 5:1** (NASB)

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

- > The false teachers wanted them to be in bondage to law-works (see Galatians 2:4, 5)
- > We are free in Christ (children of the free woman -- Galatians 4:22, 23, 26, 30, 31)

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Cursed by Works or Blessed by Faith

Works	Faith
1. No Justification (Gal. 2:16)	1. Justified (Gal. 2:16)
2. Cursed (3:10, 13)	2. Blessed (3:9)
3. Imprisoned (3:22, 23)	3. Redeemed (3:13)
4. Under Guard (3:23)	4. Received the Spirit (3:14)
5. Under Custody (3:24, 25)	5. Brothers in Christ (3:15)
6. Slave Status (4:1)	6. Believe the Promise (3:22)
7. Under Guardians (4:2)	7. Released from Prison (3:23)
8. Under Stewards (4:2)	8. New Status in Christ (3:27)
9. Slaves to the <i>Stoichea</i> (4:3, 9)	9. No Longer under <i>Stoichea</i> (4:3-7)
10. Enslaved to Idols (4:8)	10. Sons & Heirs of Christ (4:7)
11. Of the flesh (4:23)	11. Of the Promise (4:23)
12. Under a Yoke (5:1)	12. Free in Christ (5:1)

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Stand Firm not under a Yoke

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

- > %Keep standing firm+is an imperative in the Greek
- > %Not . . . subject+is imperative in the Greek
- > %Yoke+was used to mean %the law+
- > Freedom is linked with the gospel

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Implications and Applications

- > We must stand firm in the gospel, not the traditions of men
- > Christ has freed us from law-works
- > Biblical binding and loosing is essential
- > Christ's yoke brings true rest

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To resist Satan we must stand firm in the gospel

**Ephesians 6:13 - 15** (NASB)

Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to **stand firm**. **Stand firm** therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of **the gospel of peace**;

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We Must Understand True Binding and Loosing

**Matthew 16:19** (NASB)

He will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.+

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**Christ's yoke brings true rest**

**Matthew 11:28-30** (NASB)

Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, 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 shall find rest for your souls. For **My yoke is easy, and My load is light.**

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**Law-works are the Yoke of Bondage**

**Matthew 12:1, 2** (NASB)

At that time Jesus went on the Sabbath through the grainfields, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, **Behold, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath.**

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**Jesus Proves He is Lord of the Sabbath**

**Matthew 12:8** (NASB)

For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.

**John 9:16** (NASB)

Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, **This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.** But others were saying, **How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?** And there was a division among them.

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