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**SET FREE TO LOVE!**

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Jesus sets us free so  
that we may love and  
serve one another.

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# Galatians 5:13-15

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“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is

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fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself.” But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.”

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# I. We're Free!

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“For freedom Christ has  
set us free...”

~ Galatians 5:1

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“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

~ John 8:31-36

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They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone.

How is that you say, ‘You will become free’?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a

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slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

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“If we abide in His word...”

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“...everyone who practices  
sin, is a slave to sin.”

~ John 8:34

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you will be free indeed!”

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remain in the house  
forever, the son remains  
forever.”

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“But what does the  
scripture say? “Cast out  
the slave woman and her  
son, for the son of the  
slave woman shall not  
inherit with the son of the

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free woman.” So brothers, we  
are not children of the slave,  
but of the free woman.”

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“For freedom, Christ has set us free...For you were called to freedom...”

~ Galatians 5:1, 13

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# II. We're Free To Love

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“...through love, serve one another...”

~ Galatians 5:13

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“For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.””

~ Galatians 5:14

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Jesus has not only freed  
us from something, He's  
also freed us from  
something.

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“If you love me you will  
keep my commandments.”

~ John 14:15

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“What is God’s law now? It is not *above* a Christian - it is *under* a Christian. Some men hold God’s law like a rod, in terror, over Christians, and say, “if you sin you will be

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punished with it.” It is not so.  
The law is under a Christian; it  
is for him to walk on, to be his  
guide, his rule, his pattern:  
“we are not under the law, but  
under grace.” Law is the road

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which guides us, not the rod  
which drives us, nor the spirit  
which actuates (activates) us.  
The law is good and excellent,  
if it keeps its place.”

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# III. Use Your Freedom Wisely

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## 1. Warning about the flesh.

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for the flesh...”

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- 1. Warning about the flesh.**
- 2. Warning about biting and devouring one another.**

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one another, watch out that  
you are not consumed by  
one another.”

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“Dear heavenly Father, there are so many reasons I’m looking forward to life in the new heaven and new earth. And though it’s not at the top of my list, perfected theological understanding among your children is going to be

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*awesome*. When your sons and daughters “bite and devour” one another, over Biblical and theological differences, no one could possibly grieve it more than you. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on me.

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O for the Day when we will no longer know in part or love in part—the Day when we will no longer label, dismiss, or marginalize one another, over our differing Biblical and theological understandings. When I think

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about it, Father, it's rather absurd  
(and worse) that we who have  
been saved by your grace—from  
beginning to end,  
should *ever* resort to  
condescending, judgmental,  
dismissive attitudes with fellow

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brothers and sisters in Jesus.  
Father, I can only speak for  
myself today about this matter.  
Please forgive me for leading  
with my rightness over my  
kindness, and for loving my  
theological tribe more readily and

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fully than those in other tribes.

Forgive me for defending  
sovereign grace ungraciously;  
forgive me for thinking to myself,  
“I obviously get the gospel so  
much more than *they* do”; forgive  
me for using Biblical knowledge

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to put up walls, rather than build bridges. Forgive me and free me, for living and loving to your glory, even this very day. So very Amen  
I pray, in Jesus' tender and triumphant name.”

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Forgive me for, “having  
condescending, judgmental, or  
dismissive attitudes with fellow  
believers in Jesus.”

Dear Lord forgive me for: leading  
with my rightness over my  
kindness,

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more readily and fully than those  
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