



Living Waters Ministries

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Liberty In Christ By The Foundation Of His Grace!

*Gal. 5:1 Stand fast therefore (by faith) **in the liberty** (the space or position- A FOUNDATION OF GRACE) **wherewith Christ hath made us free** (the freedom from sin which is given to everyone who has placed their trust in the Cross), **and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.***

Do we realize the magnitude of this verse and its effect upon us? First we are told that the work of Christ at the Cross has won a place of liberty. We who have believed in Christ by faith are given a position of liberty, an space where we are separated from the bondage of sin.

Rom. 6:1 -13 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

When we truly understand God's grace we see that His Grace works a work of taking away our sins placing us into this place of liberty – IT IS THE FOUNDATION OF GRACE that gives us a new footing and when His Grace separates us from being entangled we are freed to SERVE THE LORD! The work of Grace causes a person to walk in a newness of life apart from sin. The bondage of sin and dominion of the sin nature that once dominated our lives has now been dealt with and we have been given a place in Grace. Under the influences of God's Grace that are at work in our lives we are liberated!!! We are now freed from sin to walk in this new way...with our members now flowing from the abilities of the Holy Spirit's fruit.

.... be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Please notice here that this yoke of bondage... sin's entanglement, the yoke which describes SIN. This yoke was our dominance... SIN was master over everyone. There

was no choice given for those who were held in its grip. Sin was master because it was our vary nature. Yes, of course we went sin's way...and the way of this lost world apart from God and are held responsible for our own sins which we have committed, however, by nature we were driven to do so! Our heart at one time was filled with larceny and lusted after every way opposite of God's ways. Now being converted and bent toward heaven through the Spirit of God... working what is pleasing to God... we are blessed through His abundant working Grace in our life. Thank God that like the spiders web around its victim we have escaped the web of Satan and sin.

2Pet. 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (sin nature).

By the new divine nature that abides within us we have escaped this corruption! Before this (outside the Cross) there was no escape. Yet now having received Christ... His Spirit is now making the difference in us. Thank God for this difference because SIN was and unyielding yoke which bound us to HELL. It was a yoke which bound us to the DEVIL. The vary nature of sin is in reality is the yoke in which Satan enslaves his victims. Sin enslaves people.

Jn. 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant (slave) of sin.

When the Apostle Paul says that Jesus has placed us into liberty that is exactly what he meant.

Ro 8:2-4 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

The sacrifice of Jesus at the Cross was the righteousness required in fulfilling the righteousness required by the law. Now we who follow Jesus by the power of His Grace are experiencing the Life of the Spirit bringing about a foundation of Grace in our lives and causing a change in us...and in our ways.

Here is to living the LIFE we are given by the SPIRIT OF GRACE!!!

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