

## Called to Freedom

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Galatians 5:1-15

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### Christ Set Us Free for Freedom:

- Christ's work was to set us free
- Christ's work is sure
- Our Gospel freedom can be lost or squandered *stand firm*; Phil 1:27
- We must be careful of not submitting again to yoke of slavery
  - yoke of the law : Gal 3:23 - adding law to Christ
  - yoke of idolatry : 'submit again' rules of world - pagan idolatry
- Freedom is ONLY found in Christ's work - the Gospel!

### The Choice Faced by the Believers: only 1<sup>st</sup> is the Gospel!

- Will they make Christ & the Gospel their treasure Gal 2:20
- Will they again enslave themselves to this world (rules)?
- Will they enslave themselves to Christ + law-keeping?
- both 2&3 depend upon our works – the only thing we bring to our salvation is our sin – only way out of sin is Christ's works (Gospel)
- Assurance of salvation is not possible if you contribute something - will you ever contribute enough to meet the standard?
- Assurance is found when we obey God – obedience is evidence of God's work, not the way we get God's favor

### Let the Spirit guide you in Faith working through Love

- "hope" not potential, but certainty (Heb 11:1)
- We can live in the power of the Gospel TODAY because of Spirit Gal 4:7
- Embrace God's Means of Grace: Word; prayer; sacraments
- Also Disciplines of Grace: word; prayer; community; worship; service; suffering & hope
- Hope - meditate on our future life (5) 2 Cor 4:17-18. Think often on what Christ saved you to be (holy).
- As a pilgrim in this world remember your calling 1 Pet 1:14-15
- If you can trust Christ's work to save you...
  - You can trust Christ's Spirit to sanctify you! *Faith working through love*

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