

**October 3, 2018**  
**“Freedom’s Purpose”**  
**Galatians 5:1-6**  
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**I. Asserting Freedom (5:1a)**

**A. Cause** *“Christ has liberated us to be free.”* The NIV translates this phrase *“it is for freedom that Christ has set us free.”*

**B. Command** *“Stand firm then”*

**II. Refusing Freedom (1b – 6)**

**A. Falter** *“...and don’t submit again to a yoke of slavery.”* (1b)

1. Definition: A Christian is held captive by anything that hinders the abundant and effective Spirit-filled life God planned.

2. Deficiencies: We lose the benefits of our fellowship with Christ if we are in **slavery**:

a) **The Slavery of Unbelief** prevents us from knowing God and believing Him

b) **The Slavery of Pride** prevents us from glorifying Him

c) **The Slavery of Idolatry** prevents us from finding satisfaction in Him

d) **The Slavery of Prayerlessness** prevents us from experiencing God’s peace

e) **The Slavery of Legalism** prevents us from enjoying God’s presence

**B. Failure** *“Take note! I, Paul, tell you that if you get yourselves circumcised, Christ will not benefit you at all.”* (2)

**C. Full** *“Again I testify to every man who gets himself circumcised that he is obligated to keep the entire law.”* (3)

**D. Fallen** *“You who are trying to be justified by the law are alienated from Christ: you have fallen from grace”* (4)

**E. Faith** *“For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision accomplishes anything; what matters is faith working through love.”* (5-6)

1. Our Power **“through the Spirit”** (5)

2. Our Purpose **“the hope of righteousness”** (5)

3. Our Prayers **“faith working through love”** (6)

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