

# Bible Reading

Galatians 1:4; 3:13; 5:1

Luke 1:74-75

Romans 8:1-2

Acts 13:38-39

Colossians 1:13

Romans 6:11-14

I Corinthians 15:54-57

I Thessalonians 1:10

# Review Questions

According to the prophecy in Luke 1:74-75, believers have been delivered “out of” what? From the same passage, believers have been delivered in order that we might do what?

In Galatians 1:4, we find that Christ gave Himself for us to deliver us from this present evil world. What does that mean?

From Romans 6:11-14, how is it possible to be set free from the dominion of sin?

I Thessalonians 1:10 reminds us that Christ has delivered us from what?

What command is given to believers in Galatians 5:1?

# Christ Hath Made us *Free*

*“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.”*

Galatians 5:1

**A**s children of God, we have liberty in Christ. In Christ, the child of God is set free from certain things and is then made free to do certain things.

A concise summary of Christian liberty is found in the prophecy of Zacharias in Luke 1:74-75. He declared, “...*That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.*” True Christian liberty is being set free from our enemy and made free to live for God.

In the book of Galatians, Paul recognized the danger of false teachers and took a strong stand, leading the charge to defend the gospel of Christ and Christian liberty. His defense is anchored in the truth stated in Galatians 5:1, “...*Christ hath made us free....*” Our freedom was not free. The Lord Jesus purchased our freedom with His own precious blood.

In Christ, the child of God is set free. The Apostle Paul highlights numerous shackles from which the believer is delivered. Let us consider the blessings of Christian liberty.

*When we think of Christian liberty, our first thought ought to be of Calvary!*

Notes

*Christian liberty is not freedom to live for ourselves.*

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### ***We Are Free from Condemnation.***

Read Romans 8:1-2. The Bible teaches that, in Adam, all men are spiritually dead, physically dying, and enslaved to sin. In Christ, the pronouncement of judgment against us is removed. We are no longer condemned to punishment for sin.

*The Lord Jesus was made a curse for us!*

### ***We Are Free from the Curse of the Law.***

Galatians 3:13 teaches that the Lord Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the Law. The Mosaic legal system was impossible to fulfill. The curse of the Law is the penalty of death. On Calvary, every curse and judgment our sin deserved was laid upon Christ.

### ***We Are Free from the Ceremonial Demands of the Law.***

Read Acts 13:38-39. What the Law of Moses could never do, faith in Christ does. The Law and all its ceremonial demands were a yoke that proved too heavy. Christ's yoke is easy, and His burden is light (Matthew 11:30).

### ***We Are Free from the Influence of This Present Evil World.***

Galatians 1:4 teaches that, in Christ, we have been delivered from the world's controlling influence. This speaks of the current anti-God culture and mindset. We are set free to be conformed into the image of our Saviour.

### ***We Are Free from the Bondage of Satan.***

God the Father has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son. Colossians 1:13 describes a conqueror who rescues the oppressed and leads them to safety. This is what God has done for us!

### ***We Are Free from the Dominion of Sin.***

Read Romans 6:11-14. We are to reckon ourselves dead unto sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ. The child of God who yields himself to God is set free from the dominion of sin. In Christ, sin has no power over us.

### ***We Are Free from the Fear of Death.***

According to I Corinthians 15:54-57, the riddle of death is solved in the resurrection of Christ. Death is defeated, and the child of God lives in the assurance of life eternal. In Christ, we are set free from the bondage of fear.

### ***We Are Free from the Wrath to Come.***

Notice I Thessalonians 1:10. Our freedom in Christ includes the blessed assurance that we will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air before the time of God's judgment on this earth begins. The Christian lives in confident expectation that Christ is coming again!

*Christian liberty is not an abstract concept; it is a present reality! Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free!*

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*Without Christ, we are held captive by the Devil.*