

The Freedom We Have in Christ

Galatians 5:1 (NIV)

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

Devotional Thought

Freedom is a beautiful word—especially in July when our calendars remind us to celebrate independence. But the freedom we have in Christ goes far beyond any earthly nation or flag. It is eternal, internal, and absolutely unshakeable.

Jesus didn't set us free just so we could say we're saved. He set us free so we could live free—free from guilt, from shame, from striving to earn God's love. He freed us from the chains of fear, people-pleasing, comparison, and perfectionism.

But here's the thing: Paul reminds us that freedom requires strength. We have to stand firm in it. That means resisting the urge to go back to old mindsets that made us feel like we had to work for God's approval or prove our worth. Freedom isn't about doing whatever we want—it's about walking in the fullness of what He wants for us.

And what He wants is for us to live unburdened.

Unashamed.

Unchained.

Free.

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for the incredible freedom You've given me—not just to be saved, but to truly live. Help me stand firm when I'm tempted to fall back into fear, shame, or performance. Teach me to rest in the truth that I am already loved, already chosen, and already free. Help me walk with boldness and joy in the freedom You paid for. In Your name, Amen.