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Why Is Christ Freedom?

We all face a pivotal choice: to follow God’s way or pursue our own path. In Galatians 4, Paul reflects on Abraham’s journey. Although God made promises to Abraham through Sarah, he chose to rely on his own reasoning, leading to his union with Hagar. This decision epitomizes self-reliance rather than trust in God. Similarly, in the first century, many in Jerusalem—like the Pharisees and Sadducees—embraced their traditions over the Word of God.

Paul urges us not to follow such examples. He concludes with this powerful declaration:

Galatians 5:1

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Some interpret this to mean Yeshua freed us from God’s law. Yet, this perspective misrepresents Scripture. The law of God is not bondage; it is freedom.

How do we know this?

The Bible tells us so.

Psalms 119:44-45

I will keep your law continually, forever and ever, and I shall walk in a wide place, for I have sought your precepts.

The law—God’s Word—is liberty, and Christ, as the embodiment of God’s Word, is our freedom. James echoes this truth:

James 1:25

But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Christ did not liberate us from God’s law. Instead, he showed us how to live within its freedom. By keeping the Torah perfectly, he modeled the life of liberty we are called to lead. Breaking God’s law is sin (1 John 3:4), and sin is bondage. Conversely, obeying God’s commandments leads to freedom—a life aligned with his perfect design.

Paul states in Galatians 5:4:

You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

Here, Paul critiques the belief that circumcision—or any part of the law—can secure salvation. As a former Pharisee, Paul understood this error well (Galatians 5:11).

Circumcision, when done for justification for salvation, shifts the focus from God’s grace to human effort, turning a gift of freedom into bondage.

Obedience to God’s law is not a means to salvation but the fruit of a redeemed life.

Christ taught and practiced the entirety of God’s Word, proving that the law is freedom when followed correctly. Those who claim that he came to free us from the law overlook a crucial contradiction: the law is described as liberty throughout Scripture. Christ would never free us from freedom itself!

Our Messiah is the ultimate expression of God’s freedom, teaching us how to live according to the perfect law of liberty. As we’ve explored today, following God’s Word leads to true freedom, not bondage. The Torah is not the problem—it is part the solution. The problem lies in misunderstanding or misapplying it. It is how to love God and how to love others. It is how to not sin. It is how to follow Messiah.

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