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Galatians 5:1

Citizens in many countries believe they are free because their governments allow them to worship, speak, and travel as they desire. Yet despite the liberties a constitution may guarantee, countless people from those lands live in bondage. That's because true freedom isn't something that can be legislated. Rather, it is the ability to live a righteous life in the mercy, grace, goodness, and power of God.

True freedom means:

Through Jesus, we are redeemed from bondage to sin and its consequences. God has adopted us into His family, and we are able to walk with Him in truth.

Our hope is secure. When a child feels safe in his parents' love and provision, he will thrive. We, too, can live with joy and confidence since we trust the Lord to care for us today and through all of eternity.

God has enabled us to become all that He intended. He's opened the door for us to release bitterness, low self-esteem, and other impediments that once had a grip on us. Furthermore, His

Holy Spirit guides and enables so we can do all that He desires.

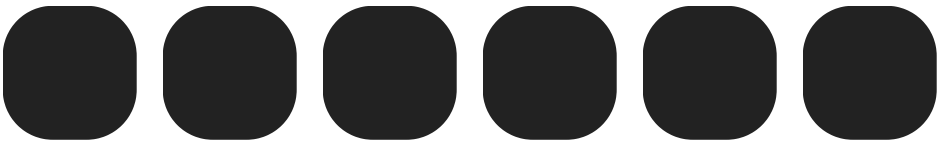
Through grace, Christ has freed us to relate to one another in a godly fashion. We can love and forgive in God’s strength because we have experienced the same from Him.

Is anything hindering God’s work in your life or interfering with your peace and contentment? Understand that the Christian life is a paradox: We are set free from bondage to sin yet choose to be bondslaves of Jesus. Only when we fully surrender and sacrifice to Him can we truly live in freedom

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