

LIBERTY IN CHRIST

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free" (Gal5:1).

Reader! pause over the sweet subject of liberty in Christ, for it is sweet. Christ is the Church's Husband, Head, and Surety. And as such, hath answered every demand of law. Christ also hath paid every penalty, for every breach of the law, by his death. Hence, both law and justice are satisfied; and the Lord hath brought the prisoners out of captivity, as the everlasting Covenant agreed for (Isa49:8,9). The whole Church of God, therefore, and every individual soul of that Church, is delivered from the curse of the law; from guilt, from sin, from the accusations of Satan, the alarms of conscience, unbelief, and all the whole train of evils, of a fallen state. And it is the privilege of all the Church of God, to behold themselves in Christ, perfectly holy in him. For Christ and his Church being One, what Christ is in God's sight, so must the Church be. And, as God hath declared himself well pleased in him, the Church is included in this view; and is holy and without blame before him in love. Oh! the blessedness of an union, and oneness with Christ!

Robert Hawker

DAMNING RELIGION - GAL5:2-4

The gospel of Christ is essentially different from every religion in the world. It is different in one vital point. THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST IS A MESSAGE OF GRACE ALONE. Every religion in the world, except the gospel of Christ, tells you to do something to recommend yourself to God. It is the business of all false religions to patch up a righteousness in which sinners can be accepted before God. It is the business of the gospel preacher to proclaim a righteousness ready made, a robe of righteousness ready to wear, a perfect righteousness wrought out by Christ alone, in

which sinners stand eternally, immutably, unconditionally accepted in the Beloved, perfect, complete, and without fault before God. I hold before you perfect righteousness in Jesus Christ, the righteousness he accomplished on behalf of sinners by his obedience as our Substitute, a righteousness without any works, conditions, or stipulations to be met by you (Rom. 5:19). Will you receive this free-grace righteousness, by faith alone, without works; or will you perish, seeking to establish righteousness by the works of your own hands? (See Rom. 9:31-33).

WORKS RELIGION, **WHATEVER ITS GUISE, IS DAMNING RELIGION.** Any religion that conditions salvation upon something you must do, be it a work ever so small, is antichrist. Any religion that conditions any part of salvation upon you is damning to your soul. REDEMPTION is not a work to be completed and made effectual by you. It is an effectual work, completely accomplished by Christ (John19:30). REGENERATION does not depend upon your will, but upon God's will (Rom9:16). JUSTIFICATION, SANCTIFICATION, PRESERVATION, AND GLORIFICATION are all works of grace alone. They do not depend upon man's obedience, but only upon Christ's obedience! If you would be saved, you must give up your works and trust the Lord Jesus Christ alone! If you do anything by which you hope to win God's favour, or improve your standing before him, *"Christ shall profit you nothing".*

Don Fortner

BONDAGE TURNED TO LIBERTY

In the stead of sin and death, he giveth unto us righteousness and everlasting life: and by this means he changeth the bondage and terrors of the law into liberty of conscience and consolation of the gospel.

Martin Luther

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Sunday 4th January 2026

10:30 am (GMT) Service

Galatians 5:1-6

"Stand Fast in the Liberty of Christ"

Traditional worship with hymns, prayer, Bible readings and a sermon based on a passage of the Bible

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Psalm 29

274 to 59

J Adams

1 The Lord in Zion reigns,
And will his people keep;
'Tis he the universe sustains,
And well secures his sheep.

2 Though with afflictions sore
He may them exercise;
Yet still his hand they shall adore,
And still his love shall prize.

3 Should poverty, and loss
Of every kind of good,
Conspire to make our weighty cross,
Our helper still is God.

4 May we for ever trust
And glory in his name;
Jesus, the faithful, true, and just,
For ever is the same!

Prayer

Galatians 4:21-5:6

Prayer

816 to 227

J Hart

1 When is it Christians all agree,
And let distinctions fall?
When, nothing in themselves, they see
That Christ is all in all.

2 But strife and difference will subsist
While men will something seem;
Let them but singly look to Christ
And all are one in him.

3 The infant and the agèd saint,
The worker and the weak,
They who are strong and seldom faint,
And they who scarce can speak.

4 Eternal life's the gift of God;
It comes through Christ alone;
'Tis his, he bought it with his blood;
And therefore gives his own.

5 We have no life, no power, no faith,
But what by Christ is given;
We all deserve eternal death,
And thus we all are even.

Sermon

820 tune 12

J Hart

1 Glory to God on high!
Our peace is made with heaven;
The Son of God came down to die,
That sin might be forgiven.

2 His precious blood was shed,
His body bruised for sin;
Remember this in eating bread,
And that in drinking wine.

3 Approach his royal board,
In his rich garments clad;
Join, every tongue, to praise the Lord,
And every heart be glad.

5 Sinners the gift receive,
And each says, "I am chief;
Thou know'st, O Lord, I would believe;
O help my unbelief!"

6 Lord, help us from above;
The power is all thy own;
Faith is thy gift, and hope, and love,
For of ourselves we've none.

All who by God-given faith *discern the Lord's broken body and shed blood* as that which has satisfied divine justice to secure their eternal inheritance are welcome to partake of the bread and wine in remembrance of Him.