

Message Notes for July 3, 2022

Message Title: Embracing Freedom

God...who wants us to experience true, authentic freedom...designed us and created us for _____

To Embrace Freedom:

-We need to be thankful for the tremendous _____ we have inherited through human history

-We need to realize we _____ and have a complete disregard for the importance of law and authority

-We need to appreciate the qualities of _____ and _____ - _____

Consider the rights of others before your own feelings,
and the feelings of others before your own rights. -John Wooden

It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. If you bite and ravage each other, watch out—in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then?

Galatians 5:13-15 MES

It is for freedom Christ has set us free. So keep standing firm and don't let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Listen, I Paul say to you if you are counting on circumcision, Christ is of no benefit to you. Again I say if anyone allows themselves to be circumcised they are under obligation to keep the whole law.

You have been severed from Christ, you who are trying to be justified by the law. You have fallen from grace.

For we, through the Spirit, by faith are waiting for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ neither circumcision or uncircumcision mean anything. The only thing that counts is faith working through love.

You were running so well, who prevented you from obeying the truth?

It certainly isn't God who has done it, for God's the one who has called you to freedom in Christ.

It only takes a little yeast, you know, to work through the whole loaf of bread.

I am confident about you in the Lord that you will not think otherwise.

But whoever it is that is confusing you will pay the penalty.

My friends, if I still preach that people need to be circumcised why am I still being persecuted? If that were true, the message about the cross would no longer be a problem. As for these agitators I wish they would castrate themselves.

As for you, my friends, you were called to be free; not freedom to do wrong, but freedom to love and serve each other. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

-Galatians 5:1-14 KSC