

Renewing Our Vision for 2021
“Freedom in Christ”
Galatians 5:1-12

New Life in Christ

“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.” Galatians 2:20

Jesus Informs Paul’s Understanding

The Parable of the Sower and the Seed (Luke 8:4-15)

Step 1: Jesus, the living Word of God, is planted within me.

Step 2: Jesus bears fruit in my life in character transformation.

Paul’s Description of Freedom

1. **Jesus set us free from obligation to do anything other than trust Jesus for transformation of our lives. (Galatians 5:1)**

The Fundamental Belief Paul is Fighting to Protect

1. *Jesus lives in me.*
2. *Jesus will reproduce Himself in me through knowing Him.*

The Only Requirement is Relational Growth with Jesus

Mat. 28:19 *We become people who follow Jesus*

Mat. 28:20 *We become people who obey what Jesus says*

John 10:27 *We become sheep who listen to Jesus*

John 15:3-4 *We become people who dwell in the Jesus’ heart.*

Christianity Simplified:

***The closer I get to Jesus,
the more I will become like Him!***

2. **Trusting anything other than the Spirit of Christ within us to make us righteous is distrusting Christ Himself. (Galatians 5:2-6)**

Implications:

We believe the Spirit in us will make us righteous. (verse 5)

We believe “One Commandment” is sufficient. (verse 6)

***“A New Commandment I give you,
that you love one another.” John 13:34-35***

3. **Paul lived a life of persecution for standing up for the simplicity of “Christ Within Us.” (Galatians 5:7-12)**

Trusting the Power of Christ Within Us

- **I trust Jesus to reproduce Himself within me as I commitment myself to know Him intimately. (John 15:1-5)**
- **I embrace Jesus’ new commandment and example by learning to love my brethren in Christ as deeply as He loves them. (John 13:34)**
- **I will more deeply consider meaningful relationships with Christians in the light of how Jesus pursued friendship with His followers. (John 15:12-15)**

*“This is My commandment, that you love one another,
just as I have loved you,
Greater love has no one than this,
that one lay down his life for his friends...
I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My
Father I have made known to you.”*