

Renewing Our Vision for 2021
“Freedom in Christ” Part 2
Galatians 5:13-26

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 Reproduces Himself in Me

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

Freed from Religion to Relationship with Jesus

Saved and Transformed by Faith in Jesus Christ
(Galatians 3:1-5)

Free from Prioritizing Rules over “Christ Within Us”
(Galatians 5:1-12)

Our Freedom in Christ in Practice

- 1. We must be deeply concerned not to allow our freedom to justify self-service over our righteousness toward others.**
(Galatians 5:13)

This is strong and dominant tendency in Christianity

There is tendency to make salvation about ourselves rather than God’s design for what we were created to do in life.

It is a huge step forward to embrace that we are saved for a purpose.

- 2. The only Laws we need in life are the priorities of Jesus to love and serve people.**
(Galatians 5:13-15)

Love of brethren is the New Commandment of Jesus

Service of what best helps others is the Example of Jesus

Our Priorities Have Been Simplified!

- 3. We have the indwelling of Jesus in us, through the Spirit, to do the work of transforming “who we are.”**
(Galatians 5:16-26)

Our conflict in life as God’s children is our natural disposition. (16-18)

Our natural disposition manifests itself by bad fruit. (19-21)

*Our spirit-filled disposition manifests itself by Christ-like fruit.
(22-26)*

Living with Eyes Focused on Jesus (John 15:1-8)

*It is not healthy for us to focus on the things that been!
“We have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (vs. 24)*

*We are transformed into the character of Jesus
by focusing on “who we are in Christ”
and what He is doing in us! (vs. 25-26)*

- **Love**
- **Joy**
- **Peace**
- **Patience**
- **Kindness**
- **Goodness**
- **Faithfulness**
- **Gentleness**
- **Self control**