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The Best Use of Our Freedom

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Freedom is a tremendous blessing, and the greatest freedom of all is found in Jesus Christ. Through Him, we can be free from sin. In Galatians 5, the apostle Paul reflected on the impact this freedom ought to have on the everyday life of a Christian.

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery . . . For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

(Galatians 5:1,13)

As ransomed citizens of God’s kingdom, our calling is clear.

1. **Stand firm.** Remember who (and whose) you are. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the Lord’s work. Your labor for him isn’t in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58).
2. **Don’t submit again to a yoke of slavery.** Leave your past in the past. His way is better than the wisdom of this world and the sinful works of the flesh. Your freedom was bought with a price. Now, it’s time to glorify God in all that you do.
3. **Don’t use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh.** Jesus has set you free, but that doesn’t mean you’re now free to do whatever you choose. Follow the lead of the Spirit. Bear the fruit of the Spirit. Keep in step with the Spirit that you might live by the Spirit. This is the path of life.
4. **Through love serve one another.** After all, the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Galatians 5:14).

As disciples of Jesus, let’s make good use — the best use — of our freedom in Christ this week.