CHRIST SET US FREE (1)

- **Christ died to liberate us from bondage to law and sin**
  - *"But now we are released from the law, having died to that which* ***held us captive...***" **(Rom. 7:6)**
  - *"For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through* ***it killed me.***" **(Rom. 7:11)**
  - <u>Not</u> **free from law (5:7; 6:2) but free from the curse of law (3:10)**
- **Keep standing firm in the freedom into which you were called**
  - Don't go back under a *"yoke"* of slavery
- **Seeking justification by law-keeping enslaves**

OBLIGATED TO LAW (2-4)

- **If we seek to be justified by works, we do not benefit from Christ's sacrifice…**
  - We decide to trust self instead of trusting Christ
  - We are separated from Christ
  - We have fallen from God's grace
- **Those who trust self anxiously dread with doubt**

IN CHRIST JESUS (5)

- **When we pursue righteousness through the Spirit, by faith, we benefit from Christ's grace…**
  - *For we…* Children of promise through faith in Jesus Christ
  - *through the Spirit…* Not the flesh
  - *by faith…* Not by works of law
- **Those who trust Christ eagerly wait with hope**

COUNTING WHAT COUNTS

- **We *"yoke"* ourselves when we count our works by number...**
  - Do I trust God enough?
  - Do I love God enough?
  - Do I do enough good works?

- **Those who trust self anxiously dread with doubt**

COUNTING WHAT COUNTS

- **We feel *"free"* when we count our works by their nature…**
  - Do I trust God ~~enough~~?
  - Do I love God ~~enough~~?
  - Do I do ~~enough~~ good works?

    Enough with enough!!!
  - *"For in Christ Jesus… only faith working through love"* (6)

- **Those who trust Christ eagerly wait with hope**

FREE IN CHRIST JESUS!

- **Leave Romans 7 behind!**
  - We have been delivered! **(7:25)**

- **Graduate to Romans 8!**
  - *"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has **set you free in Christ Jesus** from the law of sin and death."* **(8:1-2)**

FREE IN CHRIST JESUS!

- *"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free"* **(Gal. 5:13)**
  - *"Only <u>do not</u> use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh…"*
    - *"Live as people who are free, <u>not</u> using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God."* **(1 Pet. 2:16)**
- **You know what to do with your freedom…**
  - *"… but through love serve one another."*
- **Just keep loving and serving each other…**
- **That's what freedom in Christ feels like**
- **Christ freed us to enjoy that freedom**

FREEDOM

"It is for freedom that Christ set us free"

Galatians 5:1-6