



FREE IN CHRIST

GALATIANS 5:1



# “Propelled by Love”

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“By faith **Enoch** was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God” (Hebrews 11:5)


*“And Enoch walked with God” (Genesis 5:24)*



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“By faith **Noah**, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith” (Heb. 11:7)

“Noah walked with God.” (Genesis 6:9)



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“Was not **Abraham** our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? <sup>22</sup> Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? <sup>23</sup> And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” (James 2:21-23)

“And he was called the friend of God.”



Enoch, Noah, Abraham,  
Then the Law was Given.

“But all lived before the law”  
in the sight of God is evident, for  
“the just shall live by faith.” Yet the law  
is not of faith, but “the man who does  
them shall live by them.”  
(Galatians 3:12)

# Attitudes Toward the Law

► **Some disobeyed through unbelief.**

► **Some obeyed but lacked faith and love.**

► **Some obeyed as proof of faith and love.**

“And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not believe?”  
“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint, annise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith, love.” (Matthew 23:23)  
32 And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and samuel and the prophets: 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. (Hebrews 11:33-34)

**Zacharias & Elizabeth, Joseph & Mary, Simeon & Anna,**



# We are now free from the Law.

"Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

<sup>25</sup> But after faith has come, **we are no longer under a tutor.**" (Galatians 3:24-25)

## Message of Galatians:

Gentiles not to be forced to keep the law.

Jews also free






The Law carried many temporal  
promises and penalties.

What is to enforce obedience  
now?

Are we free to do whatever  
our fleshly nature demands?



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“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through **love** serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

(Galatians 5:13-14)

# True Love is Always Propelling

## God's Love for Us

- ▶ “God **so loved** the world **that He gave** His only begotten Son...” (John 3:16)
- ▶ “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who **loved me** and **gave Himself for me**” (Galatians 2:20)

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## Our Love for God


- ▶ “If you love Me, keep My commandments.  
(John 14:15)
- ▶ “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word;  
(John 14:23)
- ▶ “For this is the love of God, that we keep His  
commandments” (1 John 3:3)
- ▶ “This is love, that we walk according to His  
commandments” (2 John 3)

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## Our Love One Another

- ▶ “But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?”
- ▶ <sup>18</sup> My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

(1 John 3:17-18)



# We have even more reason to Love God than Israelites did.

- ▶ We can know God better.
- ▶ We have more evidence of His love.

“By this we know love, because **He laid down His life for us.**” (1 John 3:15)

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called **children of God!**” (1 John 2:1)

# Love is The Strongest Motivation

- ▶ Those who work out of **FEAR** do only what is necessary to avoid punishment.
- ▶ Those who work out of **HOPE** do only what is necessary to receive the reward.
- ▶ What is done out of **LOVE** knows no bounds except the will of the one who is loved!

# Expressions of Love for God must be regulated.

- ▶ “In Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but **faith** working through love.” (Galatians 5:6)
- ▶ We can only do **by faith** what God has prescribed.
- ▶ Prov.14:5; Jer.10:23; Isaiah 55:8-9



# If I truly love God...

## ▶ I will always want to please Him!

- We want to please one we love.
- This is what Scripture encourages.  
2 Cor.5:9; Col.1:10; 1 Thess.4:1

## ▶ I will not want to grieve Him!

- We never wish to grieve one we love
- David (Ps.51:4); Peter (Luke 22:61-62)

**Whether our faith works through love is tested when no human eye sees Us.**

## ▶ **Matthew 6:1-6**

- ▶ What good thing have I done recently that was known only to God?
- ▶ When tempted, what thing have I refused to do simply to avoid grieving God?
- ▶ When making a decision regarding any action is my first question: "Will this please or grieve God?"


# Will this please or grieve God?

## ▶ Lifetime Decisions:

- Career
- Marriage

## ▶ Daily Decisions:

- Attendance
- Giving
- Companions
- Dress
- TV, Internet, Music, Movies




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# Galatians 3:26-27

- ▶<sup>26</sup> For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
- ▶<sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.



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