

# STAND FIRM IN YOUR FREEDOM

## GALATIANS 5:1–12



### The Heart of the Matter

A warning is in order: there are those in this world who do not want you to enjoy and live in your freedom. In Paul's day, they were called Judaizers—people who sought to make obedience to the Mosaic Law a requirement for salvation. We know these people today as legalists. They desire to sap the joy from the Christian life and to hold others under their thumbs. However, Jesus has provided us a faith which frees us *from* the bonds of sin and frees us *for* the purpose of following Him. Let's take a closer look at Paul's exhortation that we stand firm in our freedom.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. Legalism vs. Freedom

There were those in Paul's day who sought to limit the freedom of Christians through the application of legalistic rules.

#### 2. The Two-Pronged Reality of Freedom in Christ (Galatians 5:1–12)

Freedom in Christ has two sides: believers are *freed from* certain things, so that we might be *free for* other things.



### Starting Your Journey

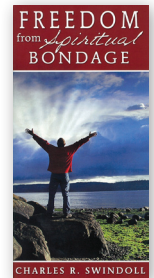
Our realization that we are free should lead us to rejoice in our liberty, to live in freedom without guilt, to declare our freedom and defend it when necessary, and to be people of grace.



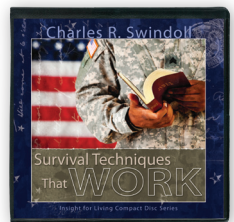
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