

# I am Free in Christ, not Bound by Rules

Galatians 5:1

**Introduction:** The Bible declares that 2000 years ago, our spiritual freedom from sin and the gift of eternal life was purchased by Jesus Christ, the Son of God, when He shed His precious blood on the cross.

## How was our spiritual freedom won?

## What are the evidences that we possess spiritual freedom?

1. Freedom from the curse of sin. Hebrews 9:15
2. Freedom from the fear of death
3. Freedom to become all God designed you to be. Ephesians 2:10
4. Freedom to live in the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit.

## How is spiritual freedom lost?

## Seven evidences of a legalist Christian who has lost spiritual freedom?

1. You're a legalist if you delight in making rules and imposing them on other people. (Matthew 23:4)

2. You're a legalist if you seek the approval of others rather than resting in the love of God.  
(Matthew 23:5-7)
3. You're a legalist if you ignore your heart and believe that outside impressions are enough.  
(Matthew 15:18-20)
4. You're a legalist if you use religion to show others how good you are. (Matthew 15:3-9)
5. You're a legalist if you are hypercritical and judgmental of others. (Luke 18:10-14)
6. You're a legalist if you put up with self-righteousness (Luke 16:14-15)
7. You're a legalist if you major on the minors. (Matthew 7:3-5)

### **How do you keep your spiritual freedom? What is the cure for legalism?**

1. Stand firm on the basis of your freedom in Jesus Christ. (Galatians 5:1)
2. Reject the burden of the law.
3. Submit yourself completely to God and be filled with the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:16-18)