What Does It Mean to Be Free?
Gal 5:1-15

Context

1. To be justified before the perfect God,
we need to be perfect

2. We think we can try to obey God's laws to be justified;
but we must obey it perfectly, which none of us can do it

3. In fact, when we fail to obey God's laws,
we face God's condemnation

4. Knowing this, God provided another way by which we can be justified,
through His promise to Abraham, which points to Jesus (which is the heart of the gospel)

5. It is clear that Jesus Christ died;
He died to pay the price for our inability to obey God's laws
(we are made perfect by Christ in His work of salvation)

6. Just as Abraham was justified before God by believing in Him,
we too, like Abraham, can be justified by believing in Jesus Christ

7. When we believe in Jesus Christ to be justified,
we become God's children & receive His Spirit to live as His children

8. We depend on the work of God, Jesus & the Spirit from start to finish;
we also do not rely on our own effort at any point from start to finish

1. To be free, depend on Christ to earn God's acceptance, not on what we can do.
(v2-6)

2. To be free, do not be let astray from Jesus
(v7-12)

3. To be free, it means to use our freedom to love others, not our own desires.
(v13-15)