

Free Indeed

Galatians Series – Part 11

Scripture text – Galatians 5:1

Introduction

- Dr. Robert Bellah: “*Freedom is the most deeply-held American _____.*”
- Unfortunately, our understanding & enjoyment of freedom has been distorted by _____.
- Unique among all the world’s religions, Christianity _____ us toward a proper understanding.

Part 1: The Assertion

- Paul begins with a statement of God’s _____ for us: He wants us to be _____.
- It is a misunderstanding to think of Christianity as a system of rules that _____ our freedom.
- To make freedom possible, God did a radical thing: He sent his _____ to die & be resurrected.

Sin-Distorted Freedom

- Freedom is the ability to do as one _____.
- However, what we want (or what pleases us) has been _____ by sin.
 1. What we want can be _____ to ourselves & others.
 2. What we want can eventually _____ us.

Biblical Freedom

- For those in Christ, God has done 2 things:
 1. He has given us new _____; and
 2. He has bulldozed the _____ power of the old sin-distorted desires.
- A biblical definition of freedom: **The _____ and _____ to do that which brings unending _____.**

Part 2: The Exhortation

- As a Christian, it's possible to return to living in _____.
 1. By _____ our old sin-distorted desires;
 2. By not _____ our new God-implanted desires; and-or
 3. By exposing ourselves to _____.

Conclusion

- Hopefully, as a nation, we won't _____ our freedoms.
- However, throughout history, Christianity has survived, and even thrived, under _____ governments.
- It's a matter of living in the freedom that _____ gives.