

ROCKY RIVER CHURCH
DON'T WASTE YOUR FREEDOM
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Big Idea: God never gives freedom simply so we can do what we want. He gives freedom so we can become who He created us to be.

Bottom Line: Freedom is a gift. Stewardship is our responsibility.

GALATIANS 5:13-15

¹³For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. ¹⁴For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another.

FOUR THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT OUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST:

#1. Freedom in Christ is _____.

"For you have been called to live in freedom..." -Galatians 5:13a

"When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the obligation to do right."

-Romans 6:20

"So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death." -Romans 8:1-2

Christians should be the most grateful people on earth. Not because we're Americans – **because we're redeemed.**

#2. Freedom in Christ is _____.

“But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature.” -Galatians 5:13b

“I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin.” -John 8:34

#3. Freedom in Christ finds its purpose in _____.

“Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.” -Galatians 5:13c

Freedom that stops with me eventually dies with me. But freedom that blesses others **multiplies**.

#4. Freedom in Christ must be passed to _____.

“After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the Lord or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel.” -Judges 2:10

We’re not just raising successful children if we’re raising disciples.

Our hope has never rested ultimately on a government. Our hope rests in the empty tomb.

“So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.” -John 8:36

All of us need to ask the question: “Am I using the freedom God has given me to bring glory to Him?”

