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## Scriptural References and Comment Notes

# 12-028-48

# FREEDOM TO BE FREE

(RSV)

:00-2:50 Teaching on the issue in Galatia and the question of “How can we be acceptable to a Holy God?” The first Christian council to resolve differences within the body – The Jerusalem Council – Acts 15.

2:50 Acts 15:1 But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brethren, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”

6:05 Galatians 5:1-15 Liberty, License, Law and Love.

6:50 Galatians 5:1 For freedom, Christ has set us free; Teaching on the meaning of freedom. In the context of sin, God says we are free and forgiven of eternal guilt. God treats our sins in many ways: He cast them behind his back (he puts them out of his sight) Isaiah 38:17; He separates them as the East is from the West (Out of reach) Psalm 103:12; He will remember our sins no more, (he puts them out of his mind) Jeremiah 31:34, Hebrews 8:12, Hebrews 10:17.

13:50 Galatians 5:1,13 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery..... 13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another.

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14:15 Galatians 5:2-4 The consequences of trying to gain the favor of God through works. Teaching on the idea that faith is the “work” that brings about salvation. Reference Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God — 9 not because of works, lest any man should boast.

Teaching – the faith to believe is itself a gift. Reference 1 Corinthians 12:3 No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

20:40 Galatians 5:7 You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth? Reference Galatians 1:6 and 3:1. Reference Galatians 4:11; Reference Galatians 4:20 Teaching.

21:35 Galatians 5:8-13 Teaching on the concept of freedom. God wants us to be able to approach him without fear. Reference Matthew 25:24-26.

Our freedom is not the freedom to do our own thing – it is freedom to do God’s thing.

30:00 1 Corinthians 8:1-9 Teaching – limit your freedom to the conscience of the weaker brother. Reference 1 Corinthians 10:23-33.

Freedom from the law means that one does not try and obtain salvation by observing the law, but by accepting the reality that God provides salvation through trusting faith in the objective atonement of Jesus Christ.

39:05 Galatians 5:13-15 Three ways in which Godly freedom manifests itself 1. Self Control – Reference Titus 3:3; 2. Service to one another. 3. Obedying God’s commandment to love.

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Gal. 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Gal. 5:2 Now I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. 3 I testify again to every man who receives circumcision that he is bound to keep the whole law. 4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. 5 For through the Spirit, by faith, we wait for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is of any avail, but faith working through love. 7 You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10 I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view than mine; and he who is troubling you will bear his judgment, whoever he is. 11 But if I, brethren, still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? In that case the stumbling block of the cross has been removed. 12 I wish those who unsettle you would mutilate themselves!

Gal. 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another take heed that you are not consumed by one another.

Is. 38:17 Lo, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but thou hast held back my life from the pit of destruction, for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

Psa. 103:12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Jer. 31:34 And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Heb. 8:12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.”

Heb. 10:17 then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their misdeeds no more.”

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Eph. 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God — 9 not because of works, lest any man should boast.

1Cor. 12:3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Gal. 5:7 You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth?

Gal. 1:6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and turning to a different gospel —

Gal. 3:1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?

Gal. 4:11 I am afraid I have labored over you in vain.

Gal. 4:20 I could wish to be present with you now and to change my tone, for I

am perplexed about you.

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Matt. 25:24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed?

1Cor. 8:1 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." "Knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. 2 If any one imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. 3 But if one loves God, one is known by him.

1Cor. 8:4 Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." 5 For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords" — 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

1Cor. 8:7 However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through being hitherto accustomed to idols, eat food as really offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8 Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. 9 Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

1Cor. 10:23 “All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up. 24 Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. 25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. 26 For “the earth is the Lords, and everything in it.” 27 If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. 28 (But if some one says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then out of consideration for the man who informed you, and for conscience’ sake — 29 I mean his conscience, not yours — do not eat it.) For why should my liberty be determined by another man’s scruples? 30 If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks? 31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 32 Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, 33 just as I try to please all men in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

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Titus 3:3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by men and hating one another;