

# **Christian Freedom: Grow Up and Be Free**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Galatians 4:1-18.
- B. We are to grow into maturity in Christ.
- C. Maturity and liberty go together.

## II. Historically.

- A. The law was the ABCs of the spiritual life. Immaturity and rules and regulations go together.
- B. Israel was a child.
- C. Christians are adopted into God's family through regeneration. We are given the position of adulthood.
- D. The result of adoption is that we are sons and heirs.

## III. Doctrinally.

- A. Under law we are children. Under grace we are adults.
- B. The law kept children under control.
- C. Christians are called to enjoy the liberty of their Father.
- D. There is a proper fear of God, but it is a loving respect.
- E. Mature people are motivated by law.
- F. Christian liberty is not freedom to do what one wills. We are to do what we want and love God.
- G. Some come to maturity before others.

## IV. Practically.

- A. Warnings: do not go back into bondage.
- B. We have freedom—we have been redeemed.

**Application questions:**

1. What does it mean to have liberty from the law?

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2. What is the relationship between love and fear under grace?

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3. How does a mature Christian who embraces freedom look different than the one who is bound to law? Explain.

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