



#9 True Freedom

This week we finished up our journey in Galatians as we worked through the final section from 5v13-6v18. As we come 'out of prison' into the 'Land of the Spirit', we thought about what the freedom that Jesus has won for us, and which we now enjoy, looks like - considering both

- **What will you NOT see in the 'Land of Spirit'?**
- **What will you see in the 'Land of Spirit'?**

We said that 5v13 is key as it unpacks true freedom - freedom not to indulge the flesh and live with me at the centre (as the world defines freedom), but rather freedom to serve one another humbly in love.

We then considered what life might look like (and won't look like) if we truly enjoyed that freedom.

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Here are a few big picture questions to help you get to grips with the passage, please feel free to ignore them and write your own, but also please do - as far as you can - consider these verses not simply as ideas, but rather daily realities.

From the passage

- What words does Paul use to describe fleshly living? What does it actually look like? Which of these are most relevant for you?
- What words does Paul use to describe our new way of life?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in these verses? Where do we see these characteristics in the life of Jesus (pick a few)?
- Where do we see the battle in these verses?
- John Stott says that 'holiness is a harvest (see whole quote below)' Do you think this is right? Where are we sowing?

*Every time we allow our mind to harbour a grudge, nurse a grievance, entertain an impure fantasy, or wallow in self pity, we **are** sowing to the flesh [...] Some Christians sow to the flesh everyday and wonder why they do not reap holiness. Holiness is as harvest; whether we reap it or not depends almost entirely on what and where we sow. (BST The Message of the Galatians pg 170)*