Free Spirit

When was the last time you had a day to do whatever you wanted?

Read Galatians 5:1—26.

1. Has Christ really set you free?

1. Yes.
2. No.
3. It doesn’t seem like it to me.
4. I don’t know.
5. Freedom is dangerous.
6. I used to be free.
7. Other.

2. Circumcision was the symbol of being God’s special people in Paul’s day. What do you rely on as a symbol of being “in” with God?

1. I was born into a Christian family.
2. I don’t have anything to symbolize being “in” with God.
3. My church attendance and involvement.
4. I keep the Sabbath.
5. My reputation of being a Christian.
6. I go with my gut feelings.
7. I have strong faith.
8. My knowledge of God and the Bible.
9. My baptism.
10. Other.

3. Why do people return to law (external behaviors) after receiving grace (God’s gift of acceptance)?

1. It’s more tangible to have a list of do’s and don’ts.
2. I don’t deserve grace.
3. Law is specific; grace is too “loosey goosey.”
4. Law is easier than grace.
5. Grace isn’t how life is lived; law is what works.
6. Grace seems too good to be true.
7. After the initial burst of grace, no more grace seemed to come.
8. Other.

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4. Why is “freedom” so difficult?

1. We just don’t know how to do it.
2. It lacks control.
3. People misuse and abuse freedom, so we give up on it.
4. It’s deceptive and dangerous.
5. We haven’t seen very many people do it well.
6. Freedom is too costly.
7. It’s a hard balancing act.
8. Other.

5. When the Holy Spirit lives in you, she develops *all* the fruits of the Spirit in your life. Which fruits of the Spirit are most developed in your life right now and which fruits of the Spirit are least developed in your life?

**KJV The Message**

1. Love Affection for others
2. Joy Exuberance about life
3. Peace Serenity
4. Patience A willingness to stick with things
5. Kindness A sense of compassion in the heart
6. Goodness A conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people
7. Faithfulness Involved in loyal commitments
8. Gentleness Not needing to force our way in life
9. Self-Control Able to marshal and direct our energies wisely

6. How do you nail the passions and desires of your sinful nature to the cross and crucify them?

1. I don’t.
2. It takes focus and discipline.
3. I pray a lot.
4. An accountability partner has made the difference for me.
5. Consistently spending time with God.
6. I practice fasting from certain things for awhile.
7. Other.

7. Where in your life do you experience the two forces of the Spirit and your sinful nature in conflict with each other?

8. What is the Holy Spirit leading you to do now?