The Gospel: The Battle of Freedom

Most Americans associate freedom with July 4, 1776. Freedom is in our blood. Actually, freedom is in the DNA of every human being. God put it there. Why do we struggle with the concept of freedom if it is so natural to human nature? There lies the problem: we have a fallen human nature. The freedom gained, as clearly shown in Genesis 3, did not set us free.

We don't need studies, surveys, or polls to lead us to the truth. We are surrounded daily by the evidence of what being free from God has produced. An honest look into our own hearts should be the only survey we need. Jesus entered our world to lead us to the truth. Jesus said, "Everyone who sins is a slave to sin." Jesus went on to declare, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:34-36).

Paul wrote to the church in Galatia warning them of the battle for the truth that Christ has set us free. "False brothers have infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ and to make us slaves" (Galatians 2:4). There will always be a battle for freedom. The hidden ailment in fallen humanity is a false freedom that leads to slavery. We, who have been set free by the finished work of Christ, must be on the alert for the false message that the work of Christ was not finished.

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**Galatians 2:1-10**

 1-4 THE BATTLE OF FALSEHOOD

 Romans 2:28-29

 Galatians 6:15

 Colossians 2:11-15

 5 THE BATTLE OF TRUTH

 1 Corinthians 1:18- 2:16

 6-10 THE BATTLE OF GRACE

 ▪ The grace of the gospel

 ▪ The grace of the Holy Spirit

 ▪ The grace of fellowship

 Acts 10:9-16

 Acts 15:6-11; 28