

“Double-Booked Priorities”

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One of my friends called to clarify the date of a certain future event, so they could make sure not to double-book that time period.



cause she obviously could not be two places at once.

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Here we are in the middle of 2008. Let us ponder our priorities. Scripture says:

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Deut. 6:5 NIV

Let us ponder not just our words, but also our actions. Do our words and actions coincide, and do either or both line up with the Word of God thereby showing our love for God? Now this is not an exercise to give us one more opportunity to take the club of guilt and beat ourselves with it because of what we have not done, but an opportunity to modify our courses, if necessary, to love God with all we are and do.

Looking back at my friend and her calendar of events, had she not written down her “priorities” for that day, she may have had a double-booked day which would have caused confusion be-

We, as Christians, need to clarify our priorities and make sure we are not double-booked or double-minded. Scripture says: “a double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”

Ja. 1:8 KJV

So, let us look at where we are and where we need to be and rejoice! Rejoice in how much we’ve accomplished through Christ’s grace. If we find places where we are double-booked in our priorities, let us rejoice that God allowed us to see and that he’s given us the opportunity and the tools necessary to correct ourselves so we can both walk and speak in line with God’s Word, from this point on, with the clear singular priority of loving God with all we are and do.

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“Freedom In Christ” (Teaching Sketch)

Galatians 5:1-15

The Apostle Paul over and over again emphasizes to the Galatians just what freedom they now have provided to them through Jesus Christ’s work on the cross.



snared, or submitted all over again to the yoke of slavery to a law they could never keep or hold hope in for restoration to God. He wants them to understand that whom Jesus

Notes:

[a] Only the Romans could sanction execution in their empire.

The temple leaders and the worldly leaders came together in an “anti-Christ system” to kill Jesus the Christ.

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Just think of it. The King of kings and Lord of lords dying on a Roman cross^[a] in his own capitol city of this world. Yes! Jerusalem is God’s capitol.

Rome even had the Temple subservient to it, but one day Jesus would send both Paul and Peter to Rome to conquer it.

Christ Made Us Free

Paul chides the Galatians for even considering going back under the bondage of the Law of Moses! He lets them know that in this freedom they now have, there is complete liberation for all believers—us!

Hold Fast

Believers, he tells them, must not be hampered and held en-

the Christ has set free is free indeed!

Don’t Step Back

The Apostle Paul understood that following the law in one point would cause them to come back under the whole Law of Moses. This is why the issue of circumcision was so important. Circumcision was the sign you were under the old covenant. If under one part then under all parts.

Trust Only in Christ

Paul, in verse 2, makes it clear if you do not trust in Christ you can gain nothing from Christ!

Holy Spirit

It is the Holy Spirit who is our helper by faith to anticipate and patiently wait for the blessing we receive by our being made righteous by Jesus

Scripture:

Galatians 5:1-15 (NIV)

Freedom in Christ

¹It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. ²Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. ³Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. ⁷You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? ⁸That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. ⁹"A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough." ¹⁰I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion will pay the penalty, whoever he may be.

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the flesh

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¹¹Brothers, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. ¹²As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves! ¹³You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature^[a]; rather, serve one another in love. ¹⁴The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."^[b] ¹⁵If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

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Christ. Believers are then totally acceptable to God because their missing the mark (sin) is as if it had never happened! Believers have then been restored to the same condition and relationship with God enjoyed by mankind in the Garden of Eden before missing the mark (sin) entered into the equation.

Only Faith

Paul explained to the Galatians only faith counts as it is activated and energized working through love.

This then is the race of which Paul speaks that we are to run and not faint. He warns that there are those who will interfere and hinder this race if believers do not hold fast to the grace they have been so freely given. He even warns that whoever attempts to have them return to the old covenant will encounter a penalty for such teaching.

Called to Freedom

Believers are called to freedom to love and serve God and each other!

The Sojourner's World Hub
is moving this week!

Things may not happen normally, please be patient with us.

Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

