

THE CROSS AND LIBERTY

Galatians 2.15-21

INTRODUCTION

The freedom that this world offers is full of illusions, but the Bible has this to say: **If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed (John 8.36) and it is for freedom that Christ has set us free (Galatians 5.1)**

Galatians 2.19: Paul says that he is free to **live for God**

THE FOUR TYRANTS (from Romans 5-8)

- ***our fear of God***
- ***our sin***
- ***the law of God***
- ***death***

These are the tyrants from which the Galatians had been set free through faith in Christ crucified.

THREE POUNTS FOR CLARIFICATION

First, there are Jews who know all this – see **Galatians 2.15-16**

Secondly, freedom in Christ has nothing to do with anarchy – see **Galatians 2.19**

Thirdly, what did it for Paul was the love of Jesus for him – see **Galatians 2.20-21**

There is no law that can give life that is truly free!

CONCLUSION

At every point here the cross of Christ is central and it makes the kind of freedom that Christians enjoy different to every other kind of freedom known to men and men and women.