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The Gift of Adoption

Galatians 3:23 – 4:7

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

Ephesians 1:4-5

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What Does This Text Mean?

- 1) Context: An argument about whether a person should follow the Jewish law once they became a Christian.
- 2) Paul's Argument:

Paul's Argument

The Jewish Law was like a Prison
and a Strict taskmaster

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$$8 - 4 = 4$$

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Paul's Argument

Jesus came to free us from the taskmaster
and give us all the rights and privileges of
Sons!

Why “Sons of God” and not
“Sons and Daughters”?




Paul's Argument

God Paid an incredible price
for your adoption


Paul's Argument

If you are free, with all the rights and privileges of a legal heir, why would you ever want to go back to prison under the thumb of the taskmaster (Mosaic Law)?


Why does this Matter?



In God's Family, the usual
status symbols are irrelevant



We experience God as “Dad”

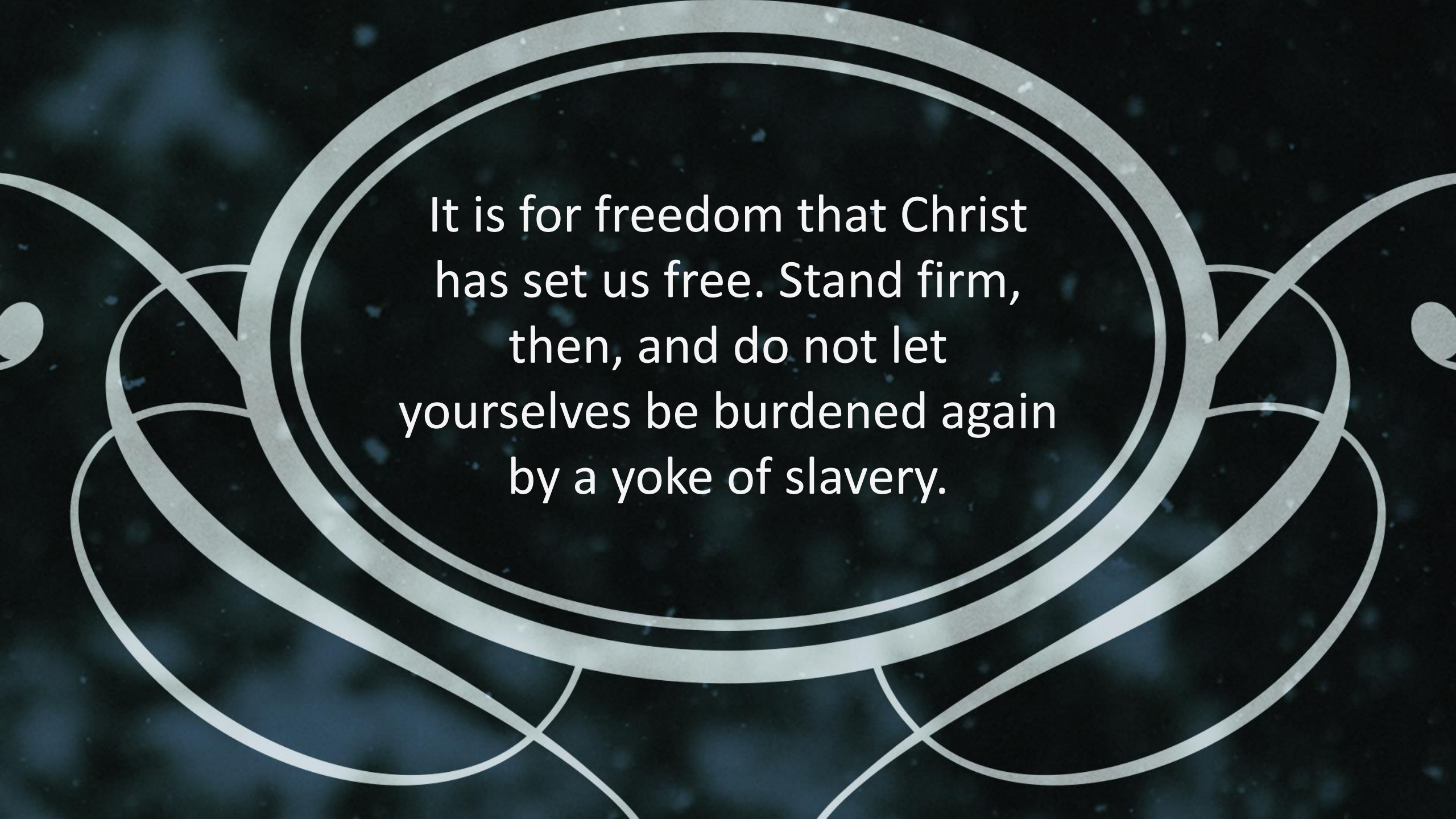


We are free from the prison
of legalism and rules

It 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. Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all.

Galatians 5:1-2





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