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Order of Worship
3 July 2022
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

# We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

## We Listen to the Word

Prayer Sermon: "True Freedom"

### We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song

# We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending







# Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- 1. What kind of words and images does the word "freedom" bring up for you? How is eleutheria "freedom" different from what most of us think of as freedom?
- 2. Have you ever followed a religious practice that was rules-based? How did it make you feel? What kinds of things does Christ offer us freedom FROM today?
- 3. How does looking at freedom as "freedom FOR" change what we do with our freedom? What are some specific examples of what it looks like to "love your neighbor as yourself" in our current political land scape? In light of those examples, does this command seem practical— or even possible? Why or why not?
- 4. In what areas are you tempted to declare individual freedom without regard for the responsibility that goes along with that freedom?
- 5. In what area of life could the Spirit be leading you to leverage your freedom on behalf of someone else?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Kris about following Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call 717-774-6444 to set up an appointment.



# True Freedom Pastor Kris Beckert

If you could choose to get one thing free for a month, what would it be?

The Question: What is	3
aul's Letter to the Galatians	
Galatia in modern-day	
Galatian Church comprised of both	
&	
Paul addresses their confusion about	

Galatians 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

• "Freedom," eleutheria --

### True Freedom in Christ consists of:

1. Freedom

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Galatians 5:2-6 Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. <sup>3</sup> Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. <sup>4</sup> You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup> For through

the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

- 1. From the claims of the Jewish Law
- 2. From a pagan past

## 2. Freedom \_\_\_\_\_

Galatians 5:13-15 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup> For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

- 1. For one another (Christian brothers and sisters)
- 2. For your neighbor

## 3. Freedom \_\_\_\_\_

1. With the Spirit
Galatians 5:16-18. So I say, walk by the Spirit,
and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the
Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh.
They are in conflict with each other, so that
you are not to do whatever you want. 18 But if

you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

## 2. With responsibility

Galatians 5:19-26. The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Leveraging our Freedom:  1. Do what's just, not what you can  2. Do what's responsible, not what's
3. Do what's right, not what's  4. Do what's grace-filled, not what's
Big Idea: