

## HOLD THE LINE!: GOSPEL FREEDOM

Gal 5:1-6

6.7.26

Living free from spiritual bondage takes a resolute stand of faith

Three resolutions to hold the line for spiritual freedom:

### #1 STAND YOUR GROUND (1)

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THE STANCE WE DEFEND | SPIRITUAL FREEDOM IS EXPENSIVE

Three truths to uphold:

#1 A glorious position to appreciate – ‘...For freedom...’ (1a)

#2 A precious provision to cherish – ‘...Christ has set us free...’ (1b)

#3 A fierce perseverance to exercise – ‘...stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery ...’ (1c)

### #2 COUNT THE COST (2-4)

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THE STAKES WE DISCERN | SPIRITUAL FREEDOM IS EXCLUSIVE

Three warnings to heed:

#1 A sharp difference to honor – ‘...if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage...’ (2)

#2 A dire dilemma to avoid – ‘...he is obligated to keep the whole law...’ (3)

#3 A grim disaster to escape – ‘...you are severed from Christ...you have fallen away from grace...’ (4)

### #3 KEEP THE FAITH (5-6)

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THE STRATEGY WE DEPLOY | SPIRITUAL FREEDOM IS EXPECTANT

Three tactics to hone:

#1 A confident wait to embrace – ‘...For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness...’ (5)

#2 A distracting war to evade – ‘...For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything ...’ (6a)

#3 A loving way to live – ‘...but only faith working through love ...’ (6b)