

Galatians 6

The New Creation





Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions.



Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.



Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.



Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.



See what large
letters I use as I
write to you with
my own hand!



Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh.



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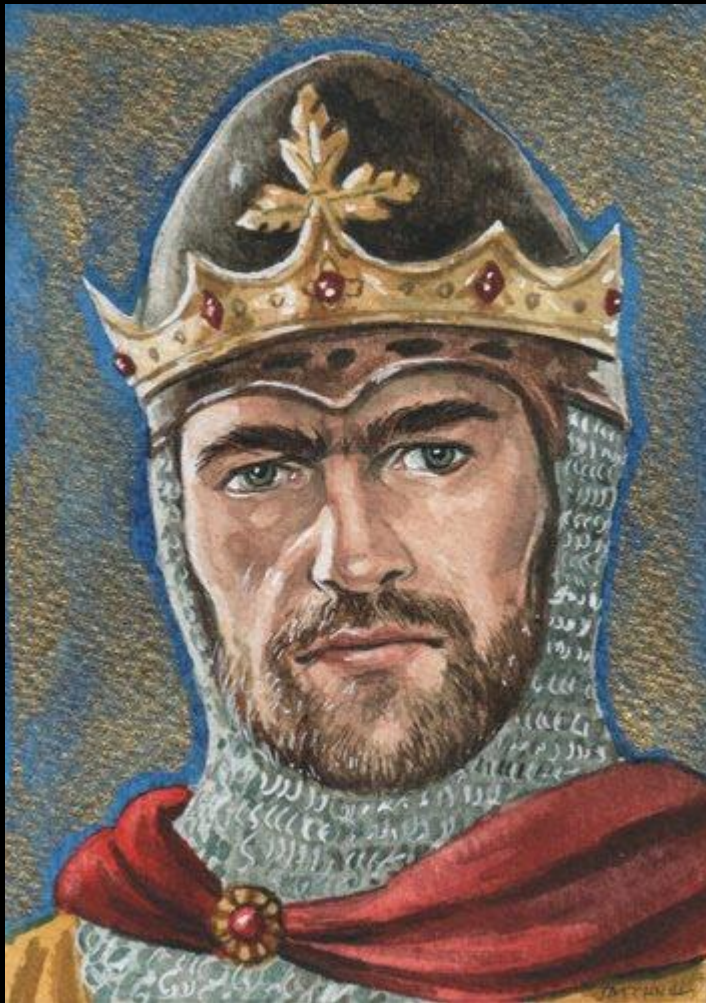
May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule – to the Israel of God.



From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters.

Amen.



Robert the Bruce







The Real Gospel: the Good News of Jesus.

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The Counterfeit gospel: the Bad News of Law & Religion



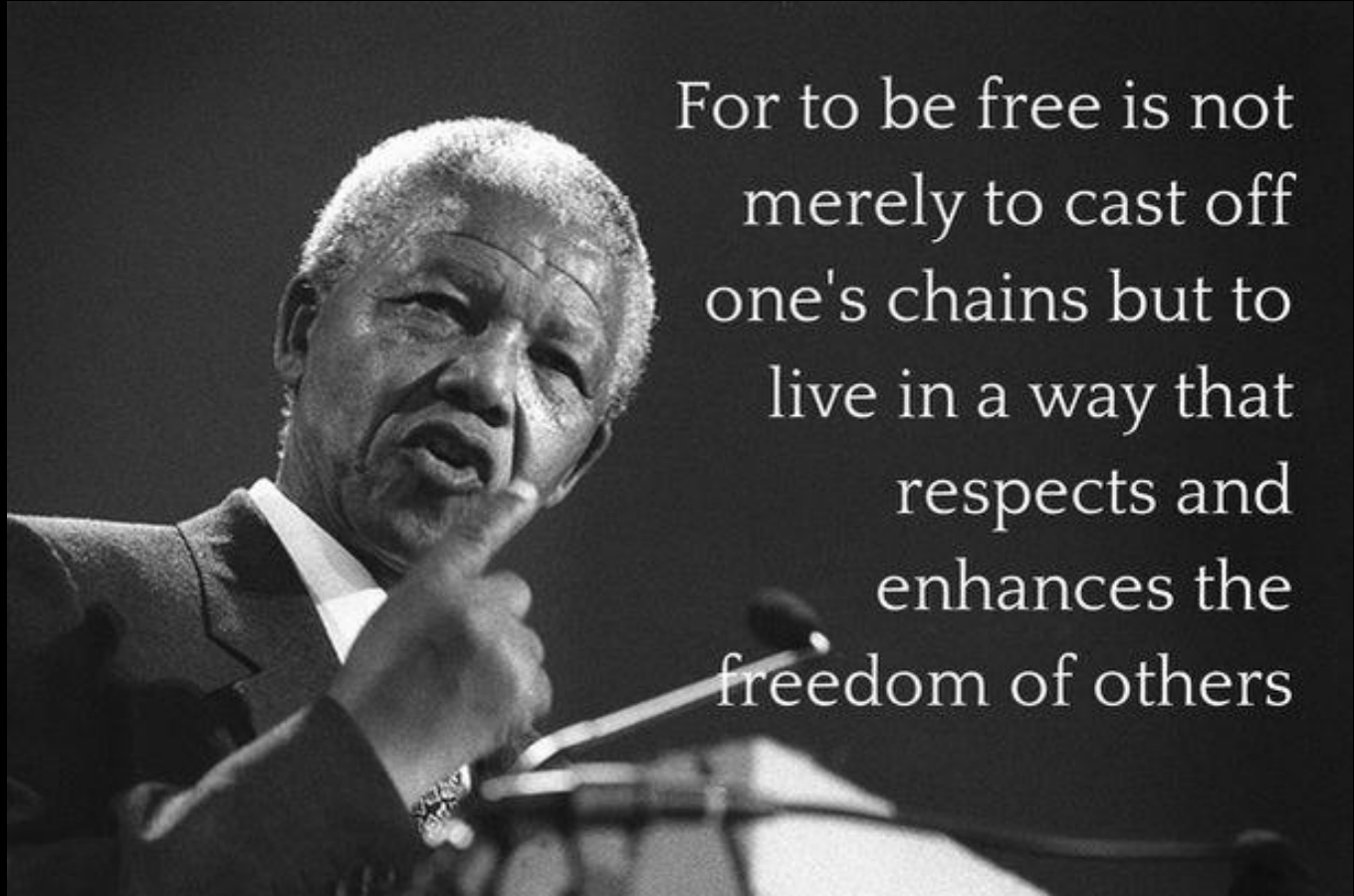
2:16 - ‘...a person is not justified by observing the law, but *through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.*’

3:22 - ‘...*that what was promised, being given through the faithfulness of Jesus.*’





Jesus + nothing = everything



For to be free is not
merely to cast off
one's chains but to
live in a way that
respects and
enhances the
freedom of others



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New Creation Looks like...



Forgiveness after failure



Bearing each others burdens




Preferring each other



2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

A small yellow flower with a thin stem and green leaves is growing out of a crack in a concrete sidewalk. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with more concrete and some greenery.

‘Paul uses the last part of Galatians to give us a God’s-eye view of reality, lifting our minds and hearts out beyond Galatia into the rich and wide ranging purposes of the God of love for the whole cosmos, so that God’s new world, God’s new creation can be born out of the old.’

- Tom Wright

