

May 2016 Newsletter
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Recent News

God allowed me to go on my third annual “mini Ohio book tour” in April, taking me to Sandusky, Mansfield, Pickerington (near Columbus), and Ashland.

It was a time of renewed fellowship and spiritual enrichment.

I was able to meet with godly pastors, hear powerful messages, talk to good friends, and make contacts.

A special thanks to Rev. Doyle Peyton, Rev. Harry Strachan, Mr. Michael Coughlin, and many others who made this trip so enjoyable.

Eleutheros Books would like to make mention of the annual Ohio Fire Conference and to invite interested people to consider attending it in April 2017. The speakers were of very high quality, the music was reverent, prayer times were heartfelt, and the emphasis on evangelism was excellent.

Anyone who might be interested in attending can contact me for more information:

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Liberty, part 2

Because the creature itself shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption unto the glorious liberty of the children of God. ([Romans 8:21](#)).

In last month’s newsletter we saw the following about liberty:

The truth is the way to freedom ([John 8:31-32](#)).

God offers freedom of choice in many matters as long as it is not sinful ([1](#)

[Corinthians 10:29-32](#); [Romans 14:1-2, 5-8](#); [I Corinthians 10:31](#)).

Now we will see more about Christian liberty:

The presence of the Holy Spirit produces liberty. Now the Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty ([II Corinthians 3:17](#)).

There are many who would like to destroy the liberty that Christ offers. And that because of false brethren brought in, who came privately to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage ([Galatians 2:4](#)).

There were false teachers in Galatia and elsewhere in Paul's day known as "Judaizers." These men tried to add such things as circumcision and certain Jewish traditions as requirements for salvation. Paul would have NONE of that, and neither should we! Salvation is by grace through faith plus *nothing*. To see Paul's reaction to these false teachers, read [Galatians 1:6-9](#).

Believers need to stand up against false teaching that destroys liberty. Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing ([Galatians 5:1-2](#)).

In verse 2 Paul is pointing out the error of depending on circumcision for salvation. The Gospel is not to be perverted. Adding to it or taking away from it is a very serious matter!

Christian liberty should never be used as an excuse to sin. For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as servants of God ([I Peter 2:15-16](#)).

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid! How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein ([Romans 6:1-2](#))?

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty, only use not liberty for an occasion

to the flesh, but by love serve one another ([Galatians 5:13](#)).

God's liberty produces good results. For is any be a hearer of the Word, and not a doer, he is like a man beholding his face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed ([James 1:23-25](#)).

God's liberty judges wrongdoing. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For that that said, Do not commit adultery, also said, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty ([James 2:10-12](#)).

God's liberty brings great deliverance! Because the creature itself shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God ([Romans 8:21](#)).

Freedom in Christ allows believers to serve God. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants of God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life ([Romans 6:18-22](#)).

At Calvary

William R. Newell

*Years I spent in vanity and pride,
Caring not my Lord was crucified,
Knowing not it was for me He died*

On Calvary!
Mercy there was great
And grace was free!
Pardon there was multiplied to me,
There my burdened soul found liberty,
At Calvary!