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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty.

Gal. 5:1 *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.* (NIV)

As we close out this year of learning to live rather than exist, we now look forward to the benefit of living in His presence and abiding in Him. This benefit is His freedom or liberty. So for this next year, we will be looking at: Because God Is Liberty.

Liberty. Just that word means so much to those who live in America. This nation was founded on the principles of God and the right to be free from the tyranny of those who hold power over others. In the same way, we have been set free from the bondage of sin. The Holy Spirit has come to lead us and direct us in the way to go. We can fully rely on Him to show us what we ought to do in any and every situation. Paul is directing those in the church of Galatia to not be burdened down with useless religion, but to live in the freedom of Christ. Our relationship to Him is freedom and not bondage. We don't obey the laws of God to win His love and affection, but instead, we obey His laws because they are just that, His laws. And because we love Him and respect Him, we then follow Him and obey Him. When we do this, there is a freedom that He gives because we are no longer bound by the things of this world, but instead set free!

Dear LORD, thank You for freedom in Christ Jesus. We have been set free from sin's penalty and allowed to walk in the newness of life. Thank You LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen