

Ep. 1028: Do We Really Have Freedom of Choice?

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See: CQRewind SHOW NOTES

- 1. Is "freedom" the ability to do whatever we want with no limits? What is the difference between liberty and license? What is the definition of licentiousness?
- 2. What was Jude's warning to the early church? Is this warning important for us now? (See Jude 1:1-4)
- 3. Describe the differences in meaning between the three words used for *freedom* in the New Testament. Which of these three words were the most important to Jesus and the apostles? Why? (See 1 Corinthians 12:13, Romans 8:2, Galatians 5:1)
- 4. Why wasn't Jesus demanding social equity at this time? What was Jesus' deeper concern here? (See Romans 8:2, Galatians 5:1)
- 5. What is freedom in Jesus? From what does he free us? What should our actions be as we demonstrate freedom under God? How can licentiousness corrupt our integrity? (See John 8:31-38)
- 6. What is the first danger to our Christian liberty? What must we hold fast to in order to keep our liberty in Christ? Describe some practical ways we can use to prove our faith and reveal corrupted Gospel teachings. (See Galatians 1:6-9, 1 Peter 3:18)
- 7. In striving for the truth that Jesus taught, what 4-step process does James give us? (See James 1:21-25)
- 8. What is the danger in following rituals? Can we respect the righteous principles of the law or other rituals, but still maintain the clarity of the gospel in our worship? (See Galatians 3:1-5, 5:1)
- 9. How did Paul handle the attempted subversion of the Gospel by the false brethren in Galatians 2? Why do we need to be careful of the things with which we struggle? (See Galatians 2:1-5, 2 Peter 2:18-19)
- 10. How should we handle the disagreements we have between our opinions and other Christians' opinions? What should inform our opinions? What should we guard against? (See Ephesians 4:15, Matthew 5:44, Galatians 5:13,16-17,19-23)
- 11. What is God's purpose in letting us make our own decisions? How can we make sure we are acting in our Christian liberty rather than licentiousness when following our own ideas? (See 1 Corinthians 10:12-14, James 4:13-17)
- 12. How does the Apostle Paul describe the state of the world at the present time? What should our attitude be as we experience trials and difficulties in our lives? (See Romans 8:18-23)

