

Praise him with a clash of cymbals. . . . Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord!

(Psalm 150:5–6, New Living Translation)

Look at what large letters I use as I write to you in my own handwriting. (Galatians 6:11, Holman Christian Standard Bible)

The meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross.

(Galatians 3:1, NLT)

After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? (Galatians 3:3, NLT)

## **HOW DOES JESUS' FREEDOM CHANGE US?**

## 1. Freedom to die to my <u>old life</u>.

I will never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. The world has been crucified to me through the cross, and I to the world. (Galatians 6:14 HCSB)

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

(Galatians 2:19–20, NLT)

## 2. Freedom to find my identity as a <u>new</u> <u>creation!</u>

What matters... is a new creation. (Galatians 6:15 HCSB)

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

(2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT)

## 3. Freedom to find <u>peace</u> now and <u>hope</u> for the future!

May peace come to all those who follow this standard, and mercy to the Israel of God! (Galatians 6:15, HCSB)

If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. (1 John 1:9, NLT)

Anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup.

For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died. But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way. (1 Corinthians 11:27–31, NLT)

As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, 'Take this and eat it, for this is my body.'

(Matthew 26:26, NLT)

And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, 'Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom.' (Matthew 26:27–29, NLT)