The Privilege of Freedom: In Christ

Laws are put in place to bind us, not to free us. This is a reality of the fallen world in which we live. Laws can indeed hinder our freedom. But without certain laws our freedom, in combination with our fallen nature, can harm us and harm those around us. We need laws to protect us.

God has given us his law. God's laws are given to protect and to provide. Human freedom does just the opposite. One person's freedom can lead to another person becoming a victim. Human history has a long track record that should teach us that this is true. We are free to ignore this reality if we so choose. However, God's laws are given to lead us to HIS reality.

All who are born in Adam will naturally run to the nearest fig leaf to cover their guilt before God. Praise God that he has provided a way out of this deadly trap. God's laws prod us and poke us to reveal our need. The laws of God's righteousness can be a way to get us to our knees. We will be moved to realize that we need help. "The law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith" (Galatians 3:24). Now we can put away our fig leaves and put our trust in Christ. The privilege of freedom is a God-given reality for all who are now in Christ. Amen.

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**Galatians 3:19-29**

19-20 THE LAW PROTECTS

21-22 THE LAW REVEALS

23-29 THE LAW LEADS US TO CHRIST

 ▪ Adopted through Christ

 John 8:34-35

 Romans 8:15-16

 ▪ Clothed with Christ

 1 John 4:18

 ▪ One in Christ

 John 17:20-23

 ▪ Heirs in Christ

 2 Corinthians 1:20