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GALATIANS 5:1



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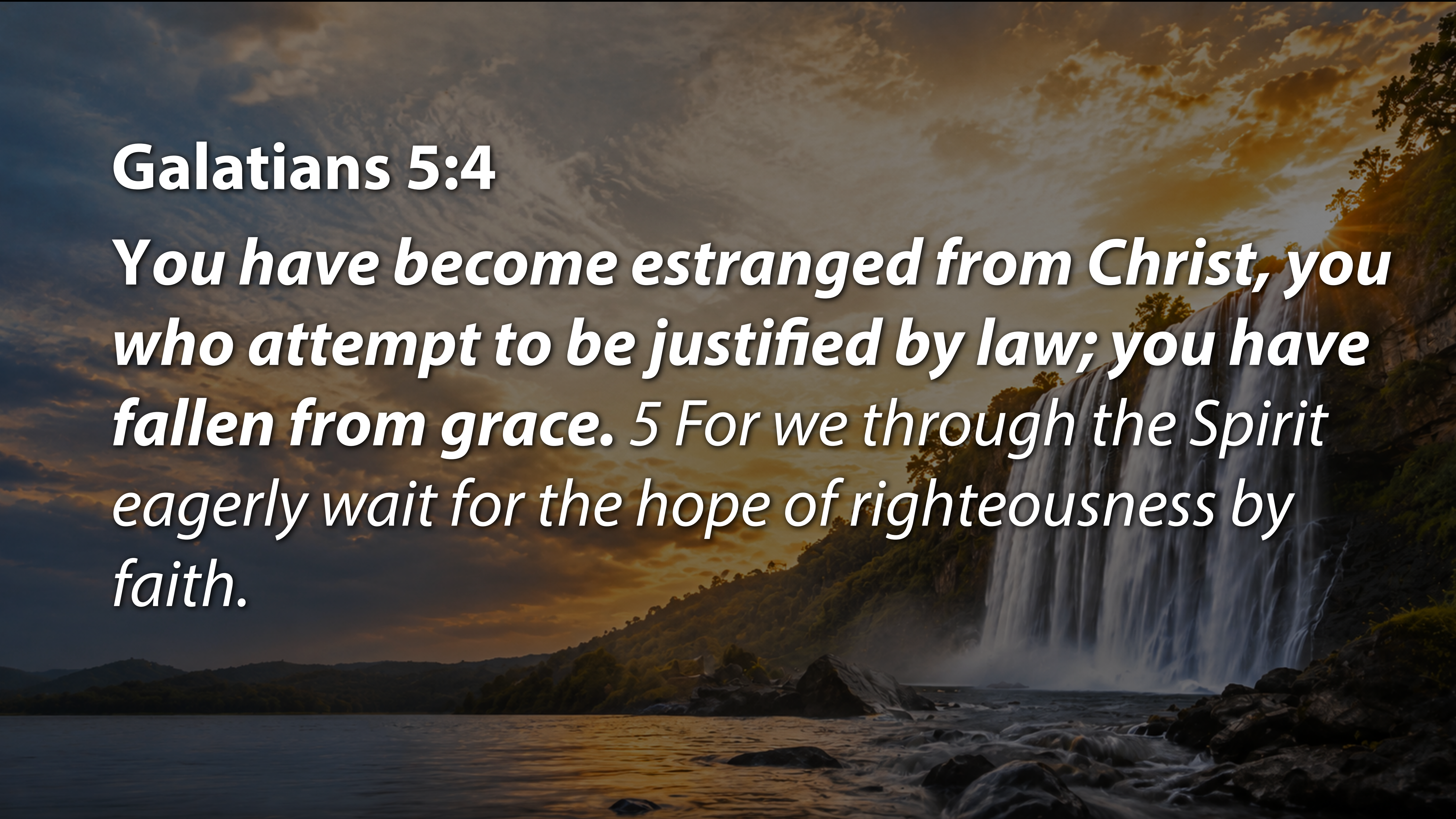
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*Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. 2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, **Christ will profit you nothing.** 3 And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law.*

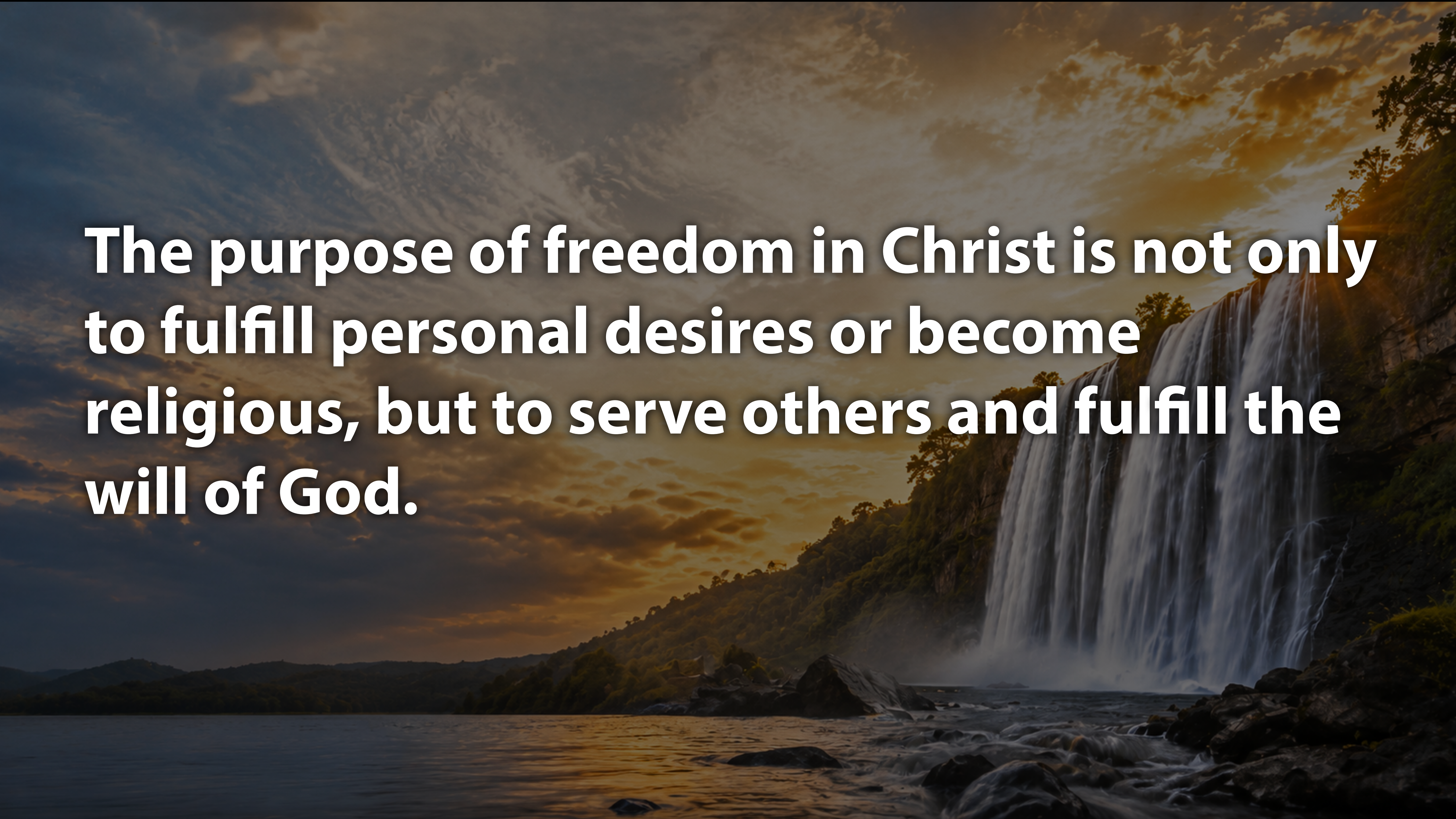
Galatians 5:4

You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.



The Purpose of Liberty

Galatians 5:13, *For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, **but through love serve one another.*** 14 *For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*



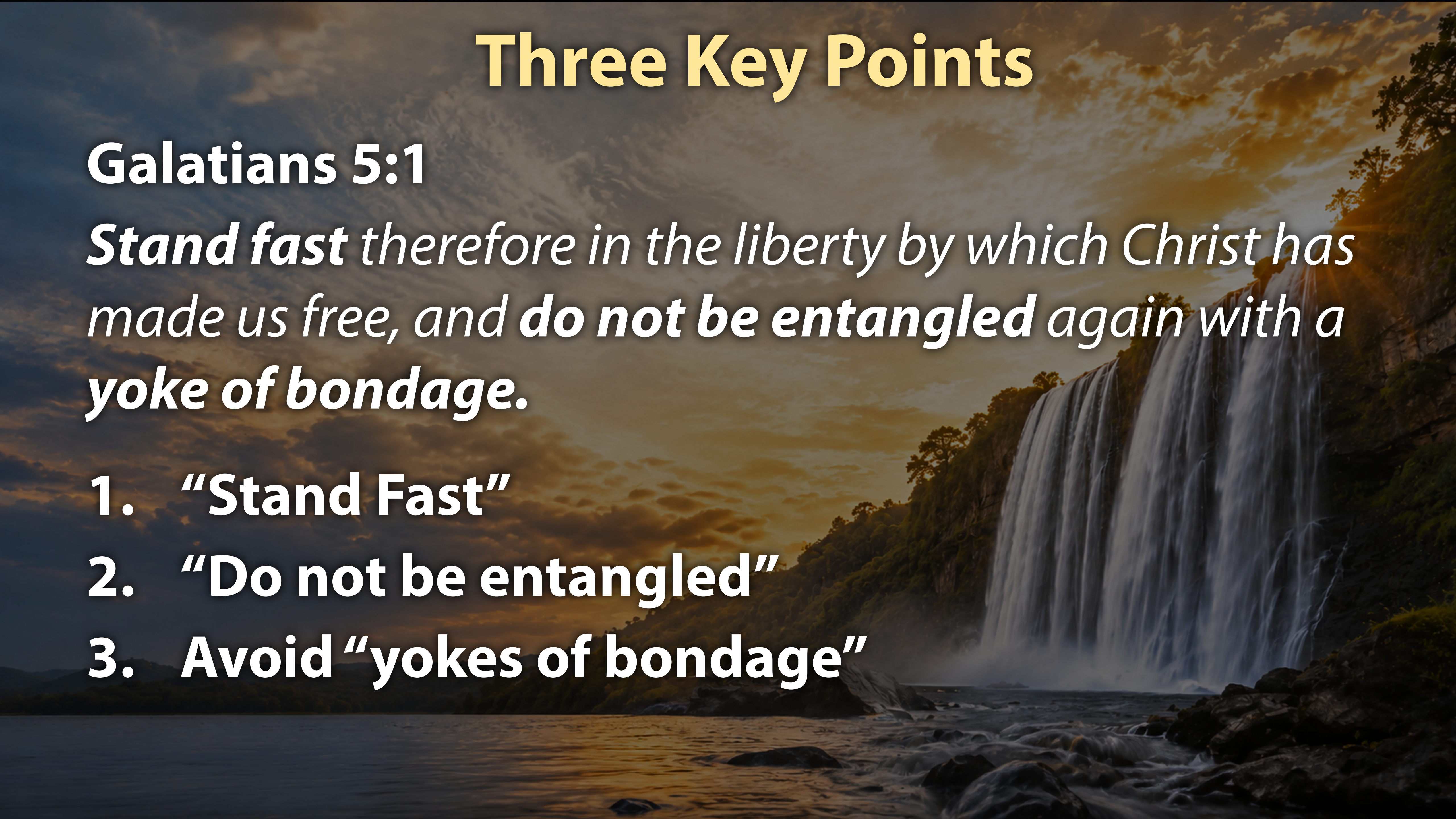
The purpose of freedom in Christ is not only to fulfill personal desires or become religious, but to serve others and fulfill the will of God.

Three Key Points

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Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

- 1. “Stand Fast”**
- 2. “Do not be entangled”**
- 3. Avoid “yokes of bondage”**

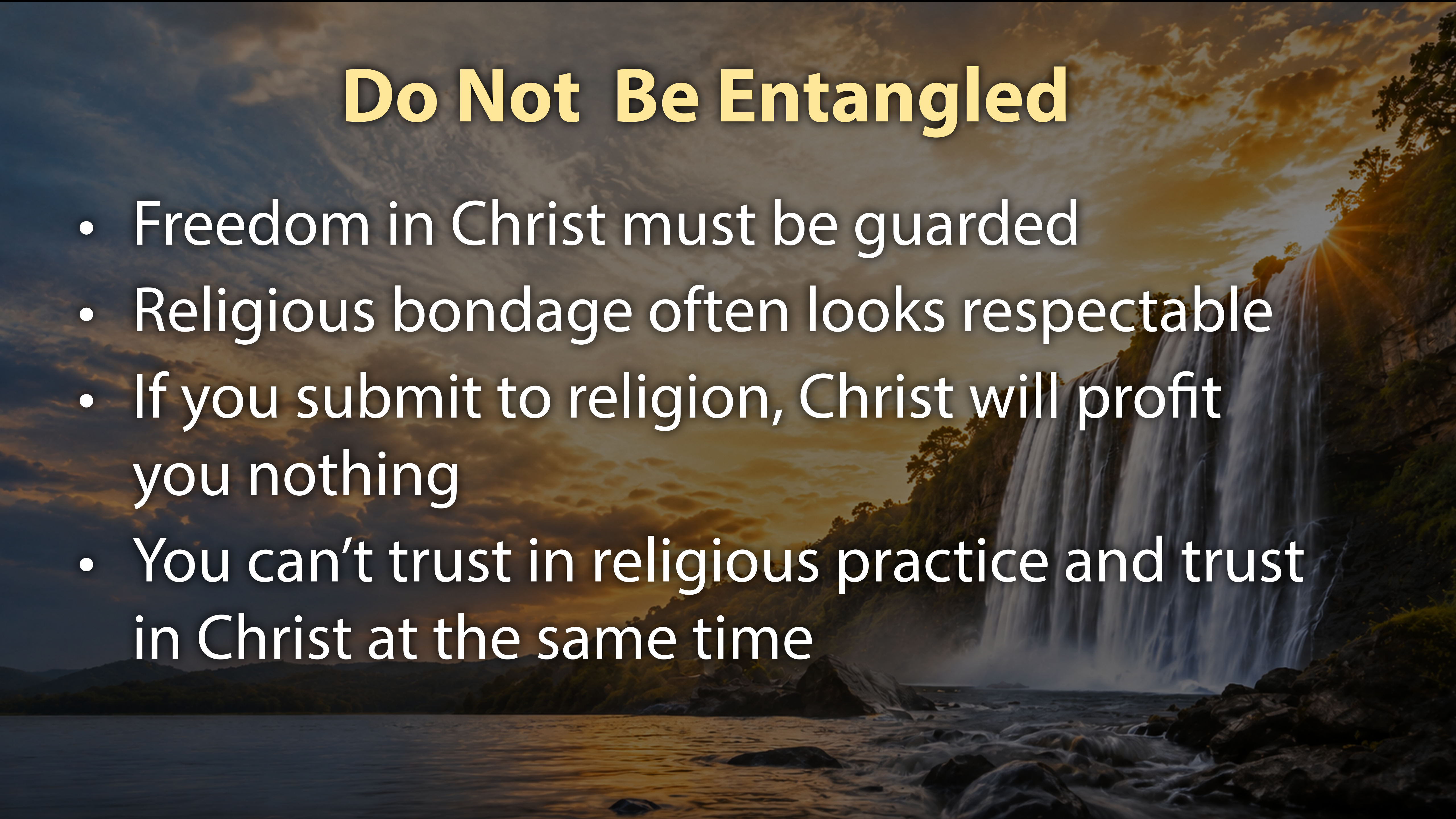


Stand Fast Means...

- Stand firm and hold your position
- Persevere and remain unmoved
- Be firmly committed
- Resist pressure or opposition
- Refuse to be moved away from Christ
- The devil cannot separate you from God, he can only persuade you to make bad choices

Do Not Be Entangled

- Freedom in Christ must be guarded
- Religious bondage often looks respectable
- If you submit to religion, Christ will profit you nothing
- You can't trust in religious practice and trust in Christ at the same time



Do Not Be Entangled in a Yoke of Bondage

- There is no mystery about what we should do, because we have the word of God and we are connected to His church
- Clarity in Christ makes good choices easy

What is a Yoke?



**Everyone Has a Yoke.
What or Who is in Your Yoke?**

Matthew 11:29

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Two Yokes. Two Covenants.

Galatians 4:21

Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. 23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise

Two Yokes. Two Covenants.

Galatians 4:24

*Which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar 25 for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children, 26 **but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.***

You Are a Child of Promise

Galatians 4:28

Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise.

You thrive on the promises of God!