



Seventh Day Adventist Church Inter-European Division

Sabbath School Ministry

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Outline with ideas for group discussion largely taken from the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.

Lesson no.: 11 **2-8 September 2017**

Title: **Freedom in Christ**

Key texts: ***Galations 5:1-15; Hebrews 2:14-15; Romans 8:1-4 & 13:8; 1 Cor. 6:20.***

A. Themes to Explore:

1. The fundamental lesson of the Gospel: the old man must die, a new man, regenerated, free to restart is needed.
2. Justification inevitably brings with it pardon, the right to be sons of God and new, heavenly freedom.
3. We are free from condemnation, the penalty for our sins and from sin itself. Free by redemption. Free from legalism and fear of death. Free from Evil. Free by faith and by will.

B. Learning Objectives*

Know: Analyse how true freedom in Christ means freedom from both legalism and licentiousness.

Feel: Positively experience freedom in Christ so that those around you also become participants in it.

Do: Enjoy the full freedom that comes from faith in Christ that teaches love and service and leads to moral conduct.

C. Other possible questions for deeper study, debate, sharing and testimony**

1. **Why is this lesson important to me? (Motivate);**
 - 1a. How, when and why is the believer in Christ rendered a new creature, from slave to free?
2. **What else is there still to learn from God's Word? (Explore);**
 - 2a. What kind of freedom do we already have in Christ now? How can we stay free? (Share experiences)
 - 2b. How do we understand Galations 5:13 with respect to the freedom of the Gospel? Is it a freedom bound to service and love?
3. **How can I practice what I've learned from God's Word? (Apply);**
 - 3a. Read Galations 5:1. What does it mean to *stand firm (fast)* in freedom? How can we ensure we stay free and don't fall again into slavery? How can we live the commandments as a law of liberty?
4. **How can I communicate and apply what I've learned from God's Word? (Create).**
 - 4a. What steps do I need to take to offer the freedom we have in Christ and witness of it to others?

NOTES:

- * Copied from the Teachers Edition that adopts active, functional and sharing principles (Know, Feel, Do).
- ** To compare and use together with the final questions found in the lesson study every Friday.
- *** The questions in red are drawn from the Teachers Edition.