

# **The Wagon**

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Galatians 5:4 (ESV)

You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

**WE are going to look at the application of Salvation, Ministry of the Holy Spirit, and Freedom. We receive all this when we trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior. We receive all this at once and they are all integrated. As we have done years ago, we are going to look at the picture of the wagon to help us understand the practical application and function of these truths in the Christian life. The Little Red Wagon!**



**#1 Salvation = The wagon bed! To be a Christian, you must be in the wagon. If you are not in the wagon, you are not a Christian.**

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**#2 Ministry of the Holy Spirit = The wagon wheels! To be a powerful Christian, you must embrace the Ministry of the Holy Spirit. The wheels, the Holy Spirit is the power!**

Galatians 5:18 (ESV)

If you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

**#3 Freedom = The Linchpin! This is the locking pin inserted crosswise as through the end of an axle. The Lynchpin keeps the wheels from falling off. The Law, Religion, Rules, Regulations and Formulas pull out the Linchpin of freedom and the wheels fall off the wagon. **Thus, the Law, Religion, Rules, Regulations and Formulas quench the Holy Spirit.****

Galatians 5:4 (ESV)

**You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace (power).**

**Those embracing the Law, Religion, Rules, Regulations and Formulas are severed from Christ and have fallen away from Grace, God's empowering favor, and power. The wheels fall off the wagon! Of course, when we receive Christ as our Savior, we receive the Holy Spirit. The question is, "How are we living out our Christian life and these Christian truths?"**

**This is about application!**

**#1 Many Christians are in the wagon without any wheels. They do not embrace the Holy Spirit, or they deny the work of the Holy Spirit. They are powerless and usually not very joyful. Not only are they unhappy they tend to make those around them unhappy. These believers are like people drug around in a wagon with no wheels.**

**#2 Christian in the wagon with wheels moves with power and purpose. Being filled with the Spirit, these believers are world changers and used by God in supernatural way. The Word is written on their hearts. Every situation is a divine opportunity. Their joy is contagious!**

**#3 Many Christians do not live in freedom. Without the Linchpin of freedom, the wheels have fallen off their wagon. These believers begin to function like those who are justified by the law and thus have fallen away from functioning grace or favor and power of God. Gradually the Law, Religion, Rules, Regulations and Formulas quench the Holy Spirit. These believers fall into a routine of dull, powerless existence. **The Law destroys Freedom and thus destroys the ministry of the Holy Spirit. To the degree a person doesn't understand the Ministry of the Holy Spirit they will rely on rules, regulations, and law. Therefore, the wheels fall off the wagon! They become powerless!****

**This helps sharing our faith:**

**# 1 Get them in the wagon – Salvation**

**#2 Put wheels on their wagon – Holy Spirit**

**#3 Insert the Linchpin – Freedom**

**This helps with counseling or mentoring Christians:**

**#1 Are they securely in the wagon**

**#2 Do they have wheels on their wagon**

**#3 Is the Linchpin of Freedom firmly attached**

2 Corinthians 3:17 (ESV)

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

**Once a person has an operational Wagon, there is a foundation for Empowered growth. They will have the desire to seek God, to receive His teaching, and then have the power to do what He says.**

Galatians 5:1 (ESV)

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

**Prophetic Prayer**