

Freedom in Christ - Galatians 5:1-15

Topics

Burdens, Confusion, Disobedience, Freedom, Grace, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, Law, Love, Righteousness, Serving, Sin

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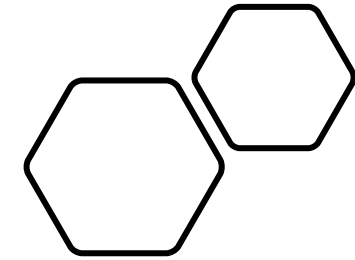
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29. Whom can you invite to join you in running a good race?

Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.



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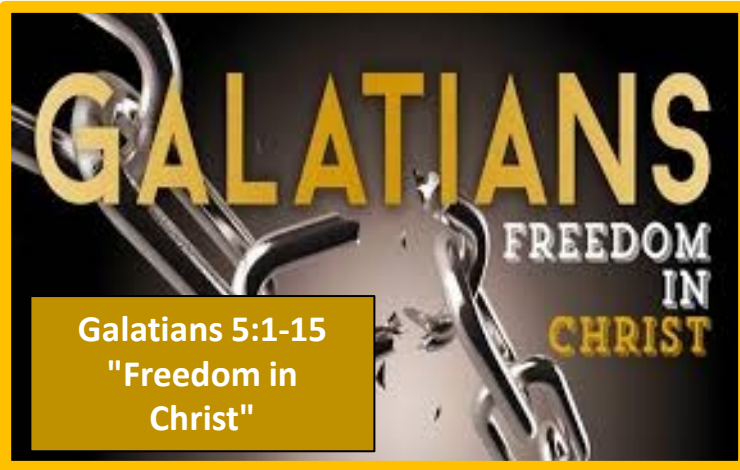
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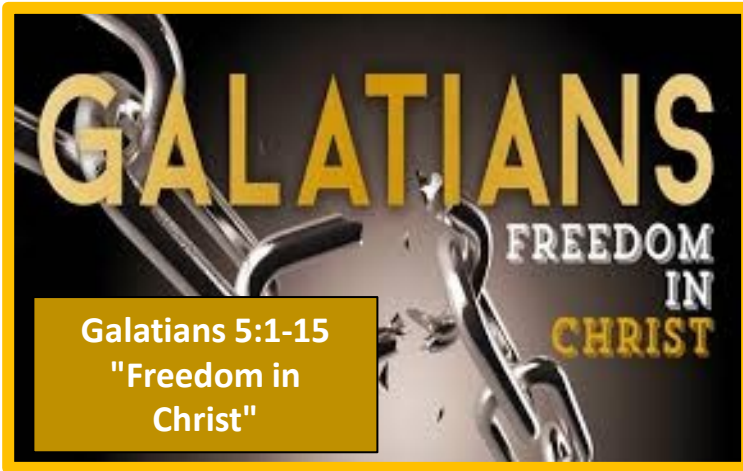
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Introduction

Paul's application of the Genesis account of Sarah and Hagar exposed the real danger facing the Galatians—they were on the brink of losing their freedom in Christ. Paul expressed dismay at the report that though the Galatians had been growing in their faith, they were being influenced by those trying to destroy God's work of grace in them. In this paragraph, Paul had two objectives: (1) exposing what would actually happen if the Galatians returned to the slavery of the law, and (2) confronting the Judaizers with the fruitlessness of their system.

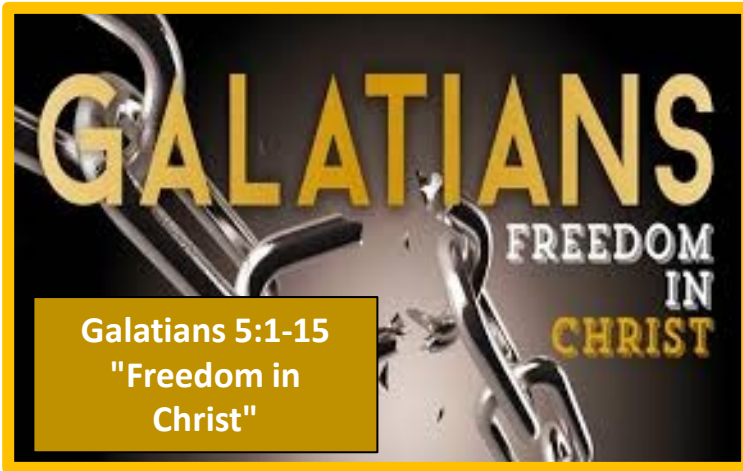


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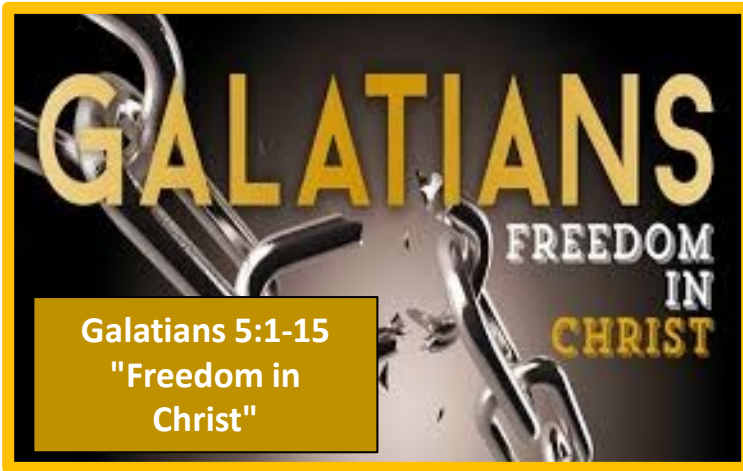
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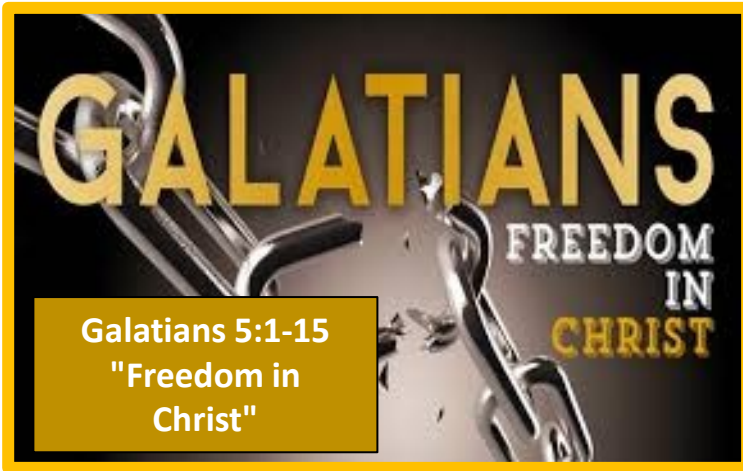
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“Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ will be of no benefit to you” (**5:2 NLT**).



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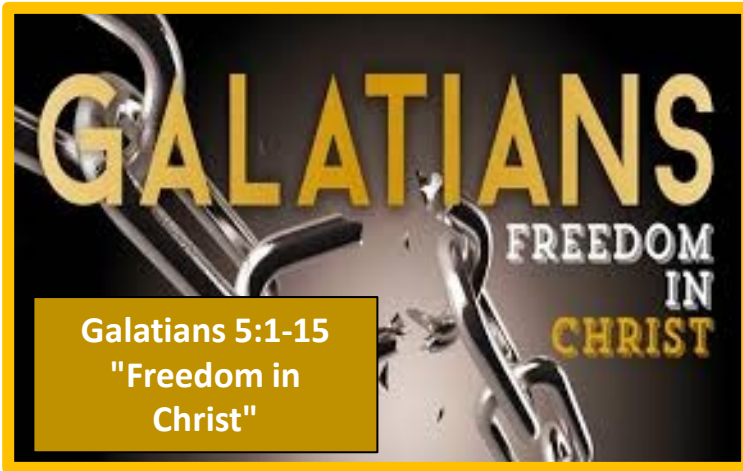
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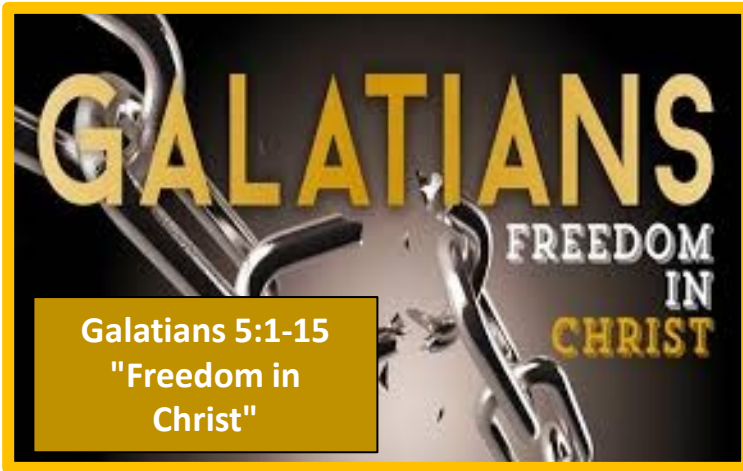
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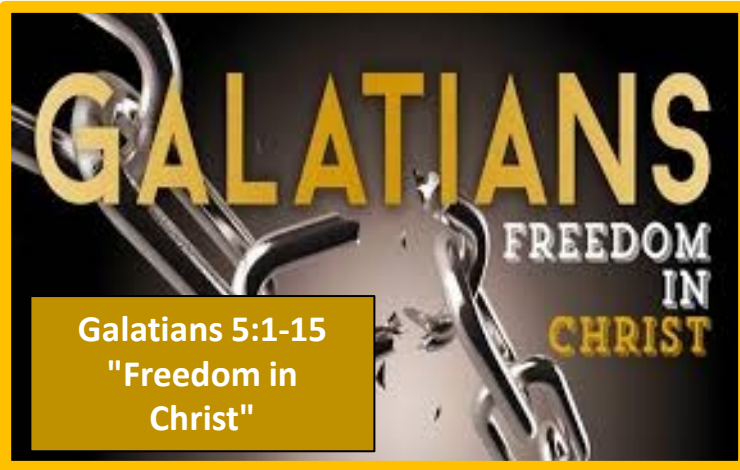
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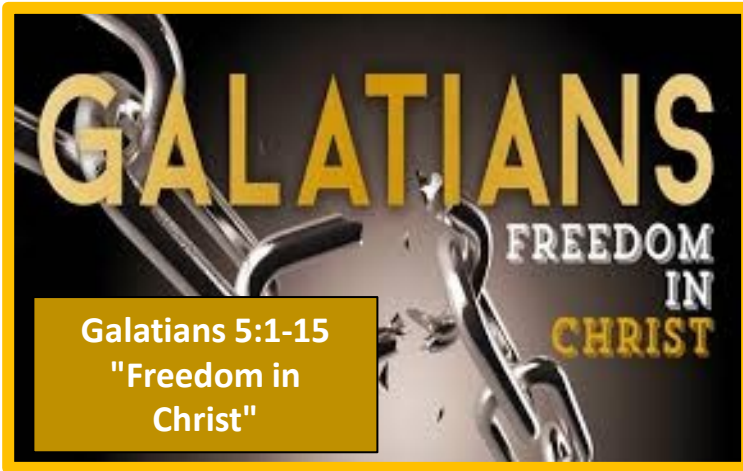
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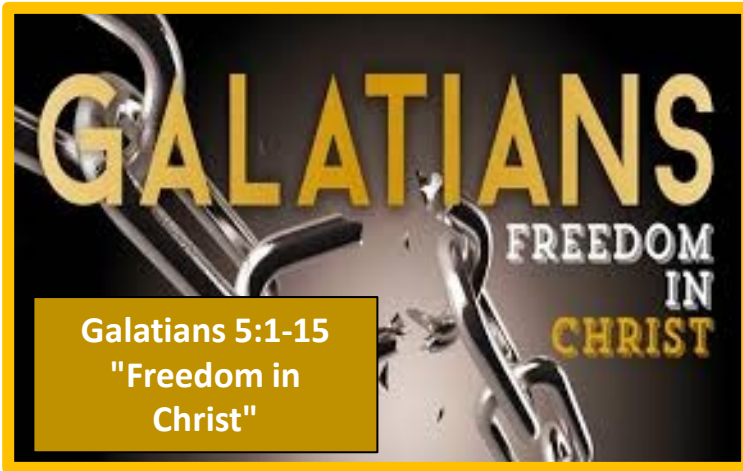
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“You were running the race so well. Who has held you back from following the truth?” (**5:7 NLT**)



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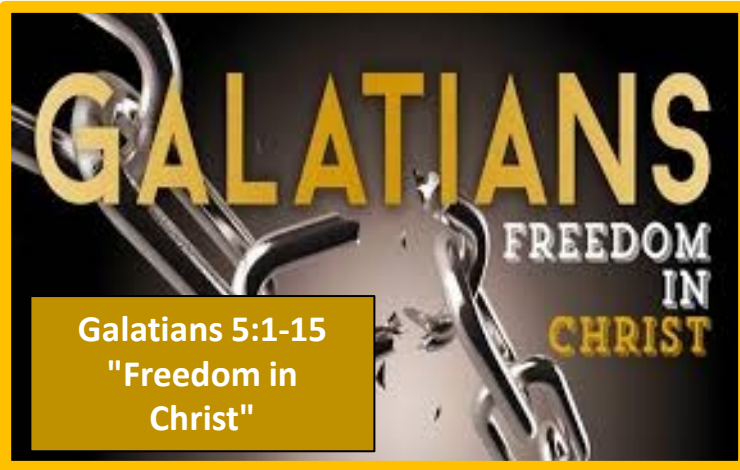


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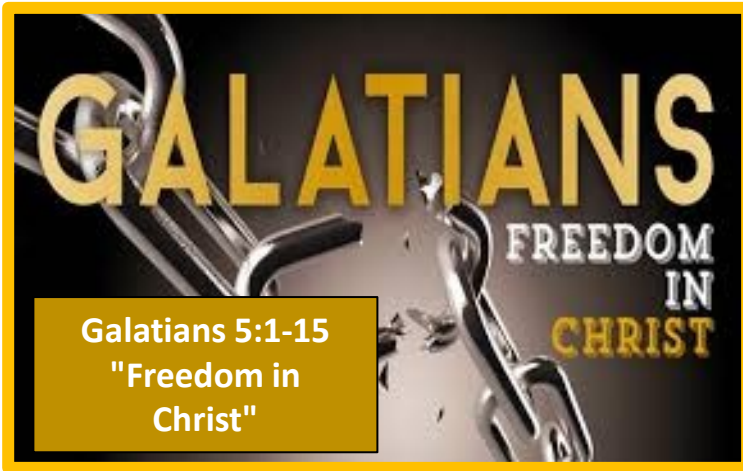
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⁹ This false teaching is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough! **(5:8-9 NLT)**



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“I am trusting the Lord to keep you from believing false teachings. God will judge that person, whoever he is, who has been confusing you” (**5:10 NLT**).



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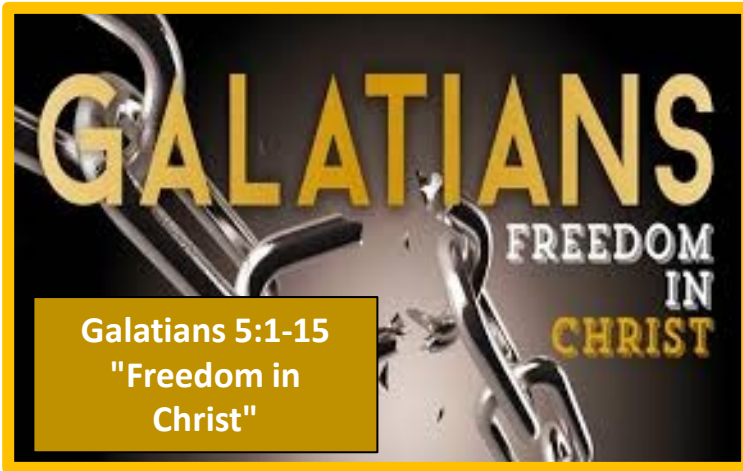
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“Dear brothers and sisters, if I were still preaching that you must be circumcised—as some say I do—why am I still being persecuted? If I were no longer preaching salvation through the cross of Christ, no one would be offended” (**5:11 NLT**).



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“I just wish that those troublemakers who want to mutilate you by circumcision would mutilate themselves” (**5:12 NLT**).



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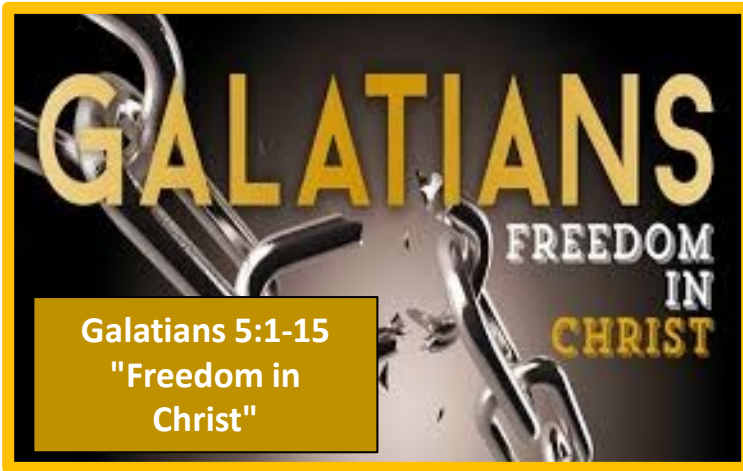


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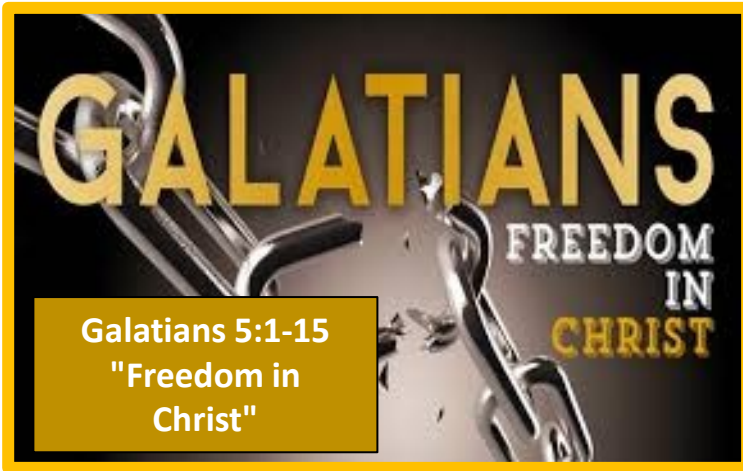
¹³ For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

¹⁴ For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." (**5:13-14 NLT**)



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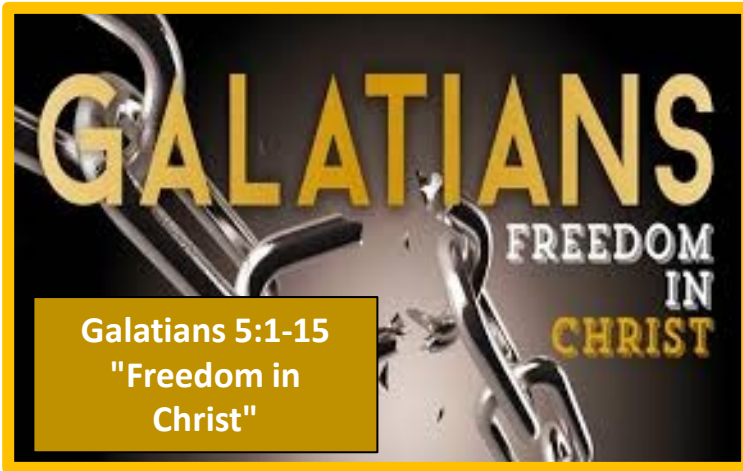
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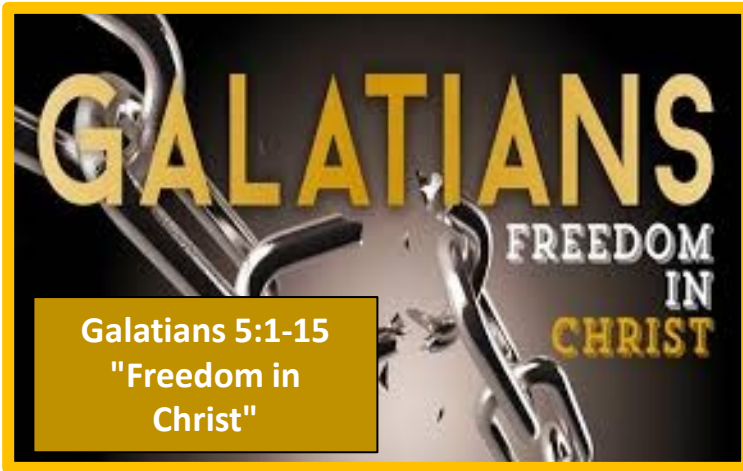
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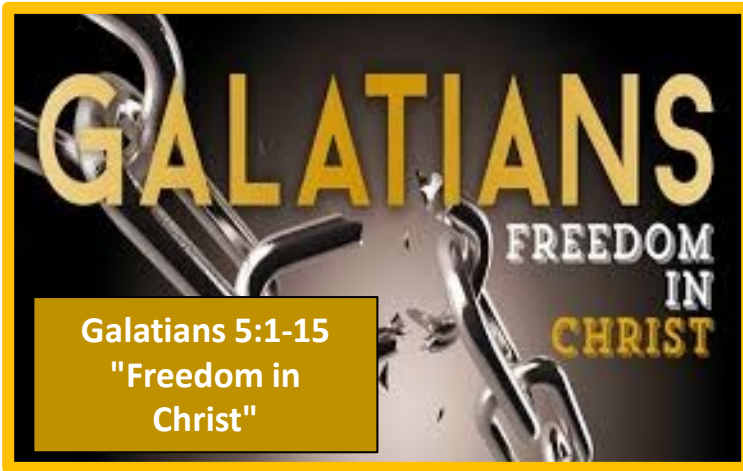
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