

## **Freedom (from the law)**

*Galatians 5 ~ It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery (verse 1).*

*Galatians 3 ~ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law (verse 13).*

*Someone trying to gain entrance to their club, goes up to Door Man / Concierge*

**Club Member1:** Good evening Mark, can I come through?

**Concierge:** What's the entrance code? *[said kindly, prompting]*

**Club Member1:** *[does the start of the "birdie dance"]* Now can I come in?

**Concierge:** No. That was the wrong code. It's Tuesday today remember...

**Club Member1:** Oh! The Tuesday code! *[does a "sailor dance", think Morecombe and Wise!]*

**Concierge:** And there's an "R" in the month

**Club Member1:** *[sighs, but obliges with a repeat of the "sailor dance" but ending with a "da da!" open arm flourish]*

**Concierge:** Now you can come in

**Club Member1:** Why do we have a code at all? You know it's me. I've been coming here 15 years.

**Concierge:** The Rule Book states it, it's tradition. And where would we be without tradition?

**Club Member1:** In the building a lot quicker?

*[both move inside]*

**Club Member1:** I'll have a coke

**Concierge:** What do you say?

**Club Member1:** Um pa lumpa, stick it up your jumper, coke!

**Concierge:** No that was last week

**Club Member1:** *[thinking]* Coke...please?

**Concierge:** *[fetches can of coke and passes over]* Your membership fee for next year is due

**Club Member1:** But I was hoping to qualify for free membership

**Concierge:** You only get free membership if you stick to all the rules and frankly you are hopeless at it

**Club Member1:** That's because there are so many of them! I come here to relax and instead get brain ache trying to jump through all the right hoops

**Concierge:** I'm sorry, it's not my fault. You signed up for this, rules and all

**Club Member1:** That's because I'd thought I'd pay one year's membership fee, and then it would be free forever more! Does anybody get free membership?

**Concierge:** No, never. Nobody can stick to all the rules, it's impossible

*[Club Member2 walks straight in]*

**Club Member1:** You can't just come waltzing in! There are rules!

**Club Member2:** Oh, I don't follow them anymore

**Club Member1:** You're going to have to pay your own way for ever and ever with that attitude

**Club Member2:** Actually, my membership fee has been paid by someone else, and he said that as he was paying there was no need for me to follow all the rules anymore. Can I have a coke...please?

*[Concierge fetches and passes over another can of coke]*

**Club Member1:** You said "please" – ha! *[pleased that he's caught him out following the rules]*

**Club Member2:** Not because I had to, just because I wanted to...Do you want a game of pool?

**Club Member1:** Yes, that's a good idea *[starts to walk off with Club Member2, then remembers has to follow another rule first]* Oh, hang on...*[miming holding a cue, hitting a ball to the left, then to the right, then holding cue down, and then up above head to each letter]* P-O-O-L

*[Club Member2 and Concierge shake their heads in despair]*