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Freedom



- The **purpose** of this letter was to explain to the Galatian's how to be **free**.

Living in the **Spirit** vs. living in the **flesh**

Galatians 5:1-6

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.² Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all.³ Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law.⁴ You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.⁵ For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope.⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

- If you pursue circumcision **Christ** will be of **no value** to you
- You will be **obligated** to follow the **entire** law
- The only thing that counts is **faith** expressing itself in **love**

Galatians 5: 13-15

¹³You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

- Don't use your **freedom** to indulge in the **sinful** nature

Galatians 5: 16-18

¹⁶So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

- Your **flesh** pulls you in one direction while the **Spirit** pulls

you in the opposite direction

- There is a real **fight**

Romans 7:19

¹⁹For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

- The acts of the **sinful nature**: Galatians 5:19-21
- The **fruit** of the **Spirit**: Galatians 5:22-23

Galatians 5:25

²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

- **How** do we keep in step with the **Spirit**?
 - You have to **see**

Psalm 119:105

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

- You have to **listen**

Isaiah 30:21

²¹Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

- You have to **follow**

James 1:22

²²Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

- You are never **alone**, the Holy Spirit is **always** with you