FOR YOUR REFLECTION

Reflection Questions

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Freedom to Love

Galatians 5:2-14

True freedom, Paul argues, is not the license to live however we please, nor is it achieved through religious performance. It is found exclusively in Christ, and it produces in us a genuine desire to love and serve one another.

Reflection Questions:

1. We contrasted the humanist definition of freedom as autonomy with the biblical definition of freedom as liberation from sin through Christ. In what ways have you personally been tempted to adopt a secular understanding of freedom, and how has that shaped your choices?

2. Paul warns the Galatians that seeking justification through circumcision would sever them from Christ and cause them to fall away from grace. What are some modern equivalents of adding works to grace that Christians today might be tempted to rely on for their standing before God?

3. The worst kind of bondage as the kind that fools you into thinking you are free. Can you identify areas in your own life or in the broader culture where people are enslaved while believing themselves to be liberated?

4. Paul uses the image of leaven spreading through dough to illustrate how small doctrinal errors can corrupt an entire community of faith. What seemingly minor theological compromises have you witnessed that led to more significant departures from biblical truth?

5. We see a distinction between the covenant of works, which is conditional on human performance, and the covenant of grace, which rests entirely on God's faithfulness -- how does understanding this distinction change the way you approach your daily relationship with God?

6. True saving faith will inevitably produce works of love. Both Paul and James communicate this. How do you personally distinguish between works done out of genuine love for God and works done out of a subtle desire to earn or maintain God's favor?

7. Paul endured persecution precisely because he refused to soften the message of the cross -- in what areas of your life are you tempted to dilute or avoid the offense of the gospel in order to be more accepted or comfortable?