

“Free from... Free to”

The Fruit of the Spirit Part 2

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Galatians 5: 7-15 AMP

WHAT WE ARE FREE FROM

Galatians 5:7-12 AMP

7 You were running [the race] well; who has interfered *and* prevented you from obeying the truth?

8 This [deceptive] persuasion is not from Him who called you [to freedom in Christ].

9 A little leaven [a slight inclination to error, or a few false teachers] leavens the whole batch [it perverts the concept of faith and misleads the church].

10 I have confidence in you in the Lord that you will adopt no other view [contrary to mine on the matter]; but the one who is disturbing you, whoever he is, will have to bear the penalty.

11 But as for me, brothers, if I am still preaching circumcision [as I had done before I met Christ; and as some accuse me of doing now, as necessary for salvation], why am I still being persecuted [by Jews]? In that case the stumbling block of the cross [to unbelieving Jews] has been abolished.

12 I wish that those who are troubling you [by teaching that circumcision is necessary for salvation] would even [go all the way and] castrate themselves!

Acts 16:1-3 AMP

1 Now Paul traveled to Derbe and also to Lystra. A disciple named Timothy was there, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer [in Christ], however, his father was a Greek.

2 Timothy was well spoken of by the brothers and sisters who were in Lystra and Iconium.

3 Paul wanted Timothy to go with him [as a missionary]; and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, since they all knew that his father was a Greek.

WHAT WE ARE FREE TO

Galatians 5:13-15 AMP

13 For you, my brothers, were called to freedom; only do not let your freedom *become* an opportunity for the sinful nature (worldliness, selfishness), but through love serve *and* seek the best for one another.

14 For the whole Law [concerning human relationships] is fulfilled in one precept, "You SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF [that is, you shall have an unselfish concern for others and do things for their benefit]."

15 But if you bite and devour one another [in bickering and strife], watch out that you [along with your entire fellowship] are not consumed by one another.

FACTOR POINTS

Worship: "Whom the son sets free is free indeed!" Worship God for full freedom in him.

Learn: Ask Holy Spirit for the discernment to recognize any teaching that adds to "by grace through faith we are saved".

Serve: Walk in the freedom to serve others empowered by the love of Christ.