



LOVE: THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF LIVING FREE

-- Galatians 5:1-15 --

(sermon notes for 11/14/21)

TWO WARNINGS:

- Don't trade your freedom for _____. (vv. 1-12)
"For freedom, Christ set us free. Stand firm then and don't submit again to a yoke of slavery." (v. 1)
- Don't use your freedom as a _____ to sin. (v. 13a)
"For you were called to be free, brothers and sisters; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh...." (v. 13a, see Rom. 6:1)

The guiding principle in life for those who are free in Christ should be _____. (vv. 13b-15)

"...but serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (vv. 13b-14)

"...what matters is faith working through love." (v. 6b)

"I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35)

Our Ephesus Mission Statement:

Living Out the LOVE of Jesus ...

1) means _____ others _____ like _____.

"...but serve one another through love." (Gal. 5:13b)

"So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done for you." (John 13:14-15)

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

*"This is how we have come to know love: He laid down his life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has this world's goods and sees a fellow believer in need but withholds compassion from him—how does God's love reside in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth."
(1 John 3:16-18)*

2) proves that we _____ Him and _____ Him.

"We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, 'I love God,' and yet hates his brother or sister, he is a liar. For the person who does not love his brother or sister whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And we have this command from him: The one who loves God must also love his brother and sister." (1 John 4:19-21)

"For the love of Christ compels us, since we have reached this conclusion, that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the one who died for them and was raised." (2 Cor. 5:14-15)

3) is how we _____ the _____ of _____.

"I give you a new commandment: Love one another...." (John 13:34)

"Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2)

*"He said to him, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."
(Matt. 22:37-40)*

"Do not owe anyone anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, Do not commit adultery; do not murder; do not steal; do not covet; and any other commandment, are summed up by this commandment: Love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no wrong to a neighbor. Love, therefore, is the fulfillment of the law." (Rom. 13:8-10)

"Indeed, if you fulfill the royal law prescribed in the Scripture, Love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing well." (James 2:8)

"For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Gal. 5:13)

4) requires constantly _____ to the _____
_____ instead of indulging the _____.

"I say, then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh." (Gal. 5:16)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love....." (Gal. 5:22a)

5) strengthens the _____ of _____ and our
_____ to the _____ around us.

"But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ. From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part." (Eph. 4:15-16)

"But if you bite and devour one another, watch out, or you will be consumed by one another." (Gal. 5:15)

"Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another." (Gal. 5:26)

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith." (Gal. 6:10)