

L14: Galatians 5:1-15: Use Liberty to By Love Serve One Another

Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- Sanctified new identity
 - Regenerated
 - He is our Father
 - Jerusalem above (the spiritual things of New Testament) is our mother
 - Her things become our nourishment

Sermon Preview:

- Stand fast
 - Circumcision profits nothing
- Future fruit of walking after the Spirit
 - Faith which worketh by love
- The Offence of the cross
- Love or consume one another

Sermon:

(Galatians 5:1) Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

- **"therefore"** - conclusion from the allegory
- **"stand fast"**
 - Galatians 1:6
 - "stand" before you "walk"
 - Romans 5-6
 - Romans 8
- **"in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free"**
 - Romans 6 - dead indeed unto sin
 - free from sin
 - Romans 7 - dead to the law
 - free from the law
 - **"made us free"** - past tense, even though they have been removed

(Galatians 5:2) Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

- **"Behold, I Paul say unto you"** - contrast to the circumcision

- **"that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing."**
 - circumcision - Genesis 17, Romans 4
 - sanctification (circumcision a sign of something not of the flesh - circumcised heart - elements of the world - certain identity (not the gospel of the circumcision)
 - Philippians 3:1-7

(Galatians 5:3) For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

- **"For I testify again to every man that is circumcised"**
 - John 7:22-23
 - Romans 2:17ff; 4:9
- **"that he is a debtor to do the whole law."**
 - Romans 2:25

(Galatians 5:4) Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

- **"Christ is become of no effect unto you"**
 - no power, no effectual working
 - circumcision doesn't change the heart, doesn't renew the mind
 - 1 Cor. 1:17 - the effect of Christ
 - Christ alone, His redemption alone
- **"whosoever of you are justified by the law"**
 - justification at the judgment seat of Christ (1 Cor. 4)
- **"ye are fallen from grace."**
 - They are brethren, thus justified unto eternal life by grace, but fallen from grace doesn't mean one lost their salvation.
 - Grace justifies unto eternal life and teaches us

(Galatians 5:5) For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

- **"For we through the Spirit"**
 - Romans 8
- **"wait for the hope of righteousness by faith"**
 - the reward of the inheritance (Col. 3)
 - Php. 1, 3 (2 Tim. 2, 4)

(Galatians 5:6) For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

- **"For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision;"**
 - nothing of the flesh
- **"but faith which worketh by love."**
 - faith that works by love (Rom. 13:10)
 - Love God
 - Love Neighbour

(Galatians 5:7) Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

- **"Ye did run well"**
 - started right
- **"who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?"**
 - Galatians 2:14, 3:1, 4:16
 - **"hinder"** - To stop; to interrupt; to obstruct; to impede or prevent from moving forward by any means

(Galatians 5:8) This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you.

- This isn't of God
- Galatians 1:6

(Galatians 5:9) A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

- Doctrinal leaven - error of the Pharisees
- Matthew 16:6-11 (Luke 12:1)
- 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 (Galatians 4:30)

(Galatians 5:10) I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

- **"I have confidence in you through the Lord"**
 - 2 Cor. 1:15, 2:3, 8:22
- **"that ye will be none otherwise minded"**
 - full persuasion
 - Php. 3:15
- **"but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment"**
 - 1 Cor. 3 - wood, hay, stubble

- rudiments of the world
- elements of the world
- **"whosoever he be"** - God accepteth no man's person
 - Galatians 2:6
 - Romans 2:11
 - Php. 3:17-21 - enemies of the cross of Christ

(Galatians 5:11) And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased.

- **"And I, brethren"** - comparison between "I, Paul" and "he that troubleth you"
- **"if I yet preach circumcision"** - doctrine of Pharisees - not sinners of the Gentiles
 - Timothy's circumcision for a different reason
 - May or may not be possible cause of confusion
- **"why do I yet suffer persecution"**
 - Gal. 6:12
 - 2 Tim. 3:12 - preach the gospel - live the gospel and suffer for it
- **"then is the offence of the cross ceased."**
 - Romans 9:33 - "rock of offence"
 - "offence" - To displease; to make angry; to affront; To attack; to assail; To shock; to wound; as, to offend the conscience; To pain; to annoy; to injure
 - Persistent offence of the cross to man's person
 - Estate
 - Race
 - Family upbringing
 - Accomplishments
 - Fleshly works

(Galatians 5:12) I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

- Paul's frustration they be cut off from the blessing in Christ Jesus
 - Gal. 1:7, 6:17
 - 2 Tim. 2:9
 - Gal. 5:10 - "but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment"
- Romans 9-11
- **"cut off"** - you would separate yourselves from them

(Galatians 5:13) For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

- **"For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty"**

- They are bringing you into bondage
- **"only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh"**
 - Human strength, human effect
 - The law
- **"but by love serve one another"**
 - Rom. 13:8

(Galatians 5:14) For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

- Rom. 13:8

(Galatians 5:15) But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

- **"But if ye bite and devour one another"**
 - Graphic description of what happens in the spiritual realm when we go after the law and don't understand the cross and live a "cross of Christ-centered" life with results
 - **"devour"** - what the Pharisees did
 - Not "loving"
 - 2 Cor. 11:20
- **"take heed that ye be not consumed one of another."**
 - **"take heed"** - warning
 - **"consumed"** - wasted; burnt up
 - This is why it will be burnt up

Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize