Grace and Our Resolve - Galatians 5:1-12

Intro: We are called to live in the "now" based on what we are as Christians versus what we used to be. One "now" is living with resolve.

I. Resolve Concerning _____ – 5:1-4

A. The _____ – "Stand fast…liberty."

B. The _____ – Exchanging one yoke for another.

C. The _____ – Living Christian life powerless.

    1. _____ – 5:2

    2. _____ – 5:3

    3. _____ – 5:4

II. Resolve Concerning _____ – 5:5-6

The lifestyle of standing fast in liberty. Rooted in essentials.

A. Rooted in _____ – Final, Full Righteousness

B. Rooted in _____ – Forsaking All I Trust Him!

C. Rooted in _____ –

III. Resolve Concerning _____ – 5:7-12

A. Where _____, there will be legalists – 7-9

B. Where _____, there will be troublers – 10, 12.

C. Where _____, there can be consistency – 10-11

Conclusion: Eric Liddell - "When I run, I feel God's pleasure."

Don't let what you used to be, be what you continue to be. Through Christ you have been set free. Feel the pleasure of running in the freedom of the Gospel

Small Group Questions

1. What are some "used to be's" that you wish were still around today? What are some that you are glad are outdated?

2. What does it mean to be set free by Christ?

3. How is our freedom in Christ limited?

4. What is the difference between the yoke of bondage and the yoke of Christ?

5. Read Galatians 5:2-4 - Explain why a Christian cannot live by just a little bit of the law?

6. How does love operate differently in a Christian's life than law?

7. Read Romans 8:28-29 and 1 John 3:2-3. What is promised to the Christian in these verses? How is it obtained?

8. Discuss different ways that legalism (following man made rules for spiritual growth) is a hindrance to spiritual growth.

9. In what way or ways now or in the past have you struggled with following rules to please God?

10. How does this phrase, "Don't let what you used to be, be what you continue to be" apply to your life?

11. How is God challenging you to think differently?