

## Galatians 5:1-15

Freedom in Christ		Galatians 5:1-15
<p><i>Intro:</i> What is Freedom? What would you do with your freedom?</p>	<p><i>Review:</i> In Paul's rebuking of the Judaizers his point has always been that we are justified (made right by God) by faith, not works. That our works cannot save us, but only the work of Christ can.</p>	<p><i>Today:</i> Continuing in the messaging, Paul's letter has shifted into the responsibility of that justification. Starting in chapter 5 to make the point that we are free in Christ in a way we never could be by the Law.</p>
<p>Galatians 5:1-15 - note: verses 11 may say "the stumbling block of the cross" (NASB), verse 12 may say "cut off which trouble you"(KJV) or "cut themselves off"</p>		
<p>1. The need for Christ in justification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● V. 2, 3 If you seek salvation through works, you have no need of Jesus <b>Deut. 27:26</b></li> <li>● V. 4 If you seek salvation through works, you have no need of grace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To do this you must keep the Law perfect (which we've seen) and you cannot <b>Acts 15:10, Eph. 2:8-9</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● V. 5,6 Faith in Christ, working through love <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ That is to say, being made justified before God by Jesus, He taught us how to correctly follow the Law <b>Matt 22:34-40</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>2. Discernment is key</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● V. 7-9 Consider the source <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have you tested the words of these false teachers to that of Christ? 1 John 4:1</li> </ul> </li> <li>● V. 11, 12 Consider the "offense of the cross" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If the gospel message, which calls sinners to repent and turn, which says salvation is God's, envolved works then the cross is not the stumbling block <b>Psalms 118:22</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● V. 10, 12 Consider the penalty for un-biblical teachings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Paul is clear, those that do will face a harsh penalty. Paul speaks ironically that they should mutilate or emasculate <b>Deut. 23:1 James 3:1</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>3. Freedom in Christ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● V. 14... Christ is love <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ God is love, He defines what the word means. <b>[refer back to Matt. 22] *note: define agapao</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● V. 13, 15 ... and love one another <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Two warnings are given. (1) Don't use our freedom in Christ as an excuse to sin (v. 13) and (2) when confronted with rebuking, let it be done out of love (v. 15) <b>Proverbs 3:11-12</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><i>Conclusion:</i> (1) The false teacher ensures his own condemnation (2) Love honors the Law by obeying it</p>		

## References

**Deut. 27:26** “Cursed be anyone who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

**Acts 15:10** [Peter to the church of Jerusalem over this very issue] Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck [the requirement of the Law] of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? [that is to say, not even the Jewish forebears could keep the Law perfectly]

**Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**Matt. 22:34-40** But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. **35** And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. **36** “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” **37** And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**38** This is the great and first commandment. **39** And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. **40** On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

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**1 John 4:1** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

**Psalms 118:22** The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. [Peter quotes this to the Sanhedrin in Acts 4:11]

**Deut 23:1** [do not read]

**James 3:1** Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

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**Proverbs 3:11-12** My son, do not despise the LORD’s discipline or be weary of his reproof, **12** for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.