

Live Free My Motivation Motor

Galatians 5:1-14 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. 2 Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. 3 Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. 4 You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. 5 For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. 7 You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? 8 That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. 9 "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough." 10 I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion, whoever that may be, will have to pay the penalty. 11 Brothers and sisters, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. 12 As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves! 13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh ; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Point #1 : My motivation for obedience is **is everything**.

v. 1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Is my motivation for obeying God's law **guilt based** or **gospel based**?

Gospel based motivation is **founded on faith**.

v. 5 For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope.

Gospel based motivation is **focused on hope**.

Gospel based motivation is **fueled by love**.

v. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

I Corinthians 13:12-13 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Point #2 : I should not let **distractors trip me up for running my race** with Christ.

v. 7-8 *You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you.*

Point #3 : I should not **lose or abuse** my gospel freedom.

v. 13-14 *You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh ; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*

Additional Study on Love and Legalism

Monday 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Tuesday Luke 11:37-54

Wednesday Romans 6:1-6 and I Peter 4:8

Thursday I John 5:3-5 and I Corinthians 13:4-7

Friday I John 4:18-19 and Romans 13:10