

Freedom to Walk A New Way  
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Galatians 5:13-26

**Main Point:** Christians use their freedom to walk in new ways.

**I. Freedom's Direction: (5:13-15)**

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin." (John 8:34)*

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." (John 13:34)*

**II. Freedom's Walk: (5:16-21, 24-26)**

"In one sense, life doesn't get complicated until one becomes a Christian. When we are born of the Spirit we are born anew into a fierce struggle between the old man and the new man." (R.C. Sproul)

**A. How Do We Have Freedom to Walk?**

*"...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)*

*"And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules." (Ezekiel 36:26-27)*

**B. What Does It Take to Walk in Freedom?**

Works of the Flesh:

- Sexuality: sexual immorality, impurity, and sensuality
- Religion: idolatry and sorcery (or witchcraft)
- Attitudes: rivalries, envy, jealousy, and enmity
- Result: strife, fits of anger, dissensions, and divisions
- Substance Abuse: drunkenness and orgies

"Does this mean that anyone who is guilty of any of the vices that Paul describes in Galatians 5:19-21 is going to hell? Certainly anyone who commits these sins deserves to go there, and for this reason we should not think lightly of these or any other sins... With this in mind, it is important to know that Paul refers to 'those who do such things' (Gal. 5:21), the Greek verb (*prassontes*) indicates habitual action, not an occasional lapse. Paul is not talking about Christians who from time to time commit one of these sins against their better judgment, all the while knowing that they are grieving the Holy Spirit and wishing that they could stop. Rather, he is talking about people whose lives are dominated by sin, who are committed heart and soul to immorality, idolatry, sorcery, and envy." (Philip Ryken)

**III. Freedom's Fruit: (5:22-23)**

Fruit of the Spirit:

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| • Love  | • Patience | • Faithfulness |
| • Joy   | • Kindness | • Gentleness   |
| • Peace | • Goodness | • Self-Control |