

Christians on Campus
Fall 2020 Bible Study
The Heart of the Bible
Galatians (5)

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¹It is for freedom that Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not be entangled with a yoke of slavery again. ²Behold, I Paul say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. ³And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to do the whole law. ⁴You have been brought to nought, separated from Christ, you who are being justified by law; you have fallen from grace. ⁵For we by the Spirit out of faith eagerly await the hope of righteousness. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails anything nor uncircumcision, but faith avails, operating through love. ⁷You were running well. Who hindered you that you would not believe and obey the truth? ⁸This persuasion is not of Him who calls you. ⁹A little leaven leavens the whole lump. ¹⁰I am confident in the Lord concerning you that you will be of no other mind; but he who is troubling you shall bear the judgment, whoever he may be. ¹¹But I, brothers, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been annulled. ¹²I wish that those upsetting you would even cut themselves off.

¹³For you were called for freedom, brothers; only do not turn this freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, in this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another.

¹⁶But I say, Walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these oppose each other that you would not do the things that you desire. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹And the works of the flesh are manifest, which are such things as fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, divisions, sects, ²¹envyings, bouts of drunkenness, carousings, and things like these, of which I tell you beforehand, even as I have said before, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³meekness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become vainglorious, provoking one another, envying one another.

Questions:

1. Based on Galatians 5:1-15, what is real freedom in Christ?
2. What is the difference between the works of the flesh and a walk by the Spirit, and what are the outcomes?
3. How can we practically walk by the Spirit?