

Freedom!
Galatians 5:1-15
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Verse: Galatians 5:1; 5:13

Homework: Galatians 3

Freedom! 5:1

- Assertion: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free... (2 Cor. 3:17)
- Command: Stand firm! (Plant your feet firmly in freedom!)

Watch Out! 5:2-6

- Option #1: Go back to the Law.
 - Circumcision – See Acts 15:1-2
 - But in doing so, they would be back under the totality of the Law – including all of the ceremonial aspects!
 - For the Galatians to accept this “other gospel” would mean that they had rejected God’s all-sufficient provision for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and his finished work on the cross.
- Option 2: Faith! (Spirit/ Hope/ etc.)
- IN CHRIST... faith expressing itself through love.

Don’t quit the race! 5:7-12

- You were hitting your stride. Who cut in on you?
- Don’t worry – God’s got this.
- A Question and a Comment...
 - Question: Why is Paul still being persecuted?
 - Comment: They should go all the way!

Freedom Results in Right Action – Step 1= Love 5:13-15

- Freedom does not mean you are free to sin!
- Love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:34-40)
- Stop biting each other.

Keys:

- You are free! (Do not return to slavery either to the Law or to sin.)
- You are free to love one another!

Application:

- Outside in? or Inside out?
 - Are you regulated by fear of consequences? (Law)
 - Are you regulated by inner compulsion? (Love/ Grace)