



Standing Firm in a Freedom that is Expressed Through Love

Galatians 5:7-15

REVIEW: LIVE IN THE FREEDOM SECURED FOR YOU IN JESUS

Gal. 5:1 *For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*

NOTES:

KEYS TO STANDING FIRM IN YOUR FREEDOM:

1. Remember how you started.

Gal. 5:7 *You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?*

2. Develop deepening relationship with God.

Gal. 5:8 *This persuasion is not from him who calls you.*

3. Distance yourself from false teachers and their coming judgement.

Gal. 5:9 *A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10 I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is.*

4. Follow trusted leaders who don't limit the scope of the gospel.

Gal. 5:11 *But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. 12 I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!*

REMEMBER:

1. Our love for others demonstrates our freedom!

Gal. 5:5 *For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.*

2. Our new life is evidenced in the ease of our obedience to love God and others.

1 John 5:3 *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.*

OUR FREEDOM IS EXPRESSED THROUGH THE WAY WE LOVE

1. The purpose of our freedom is NOT to indulge our self-serving appetites.

Gal. 5:13a For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh,

2. The purpose of our freedom IS to live for the benefit of others.

Gal. 5:13b but through love serve one another.

3. When we love we are in step with God.

Gal. 5:14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

4. When we refuse to love we are destroyed.

Gal. 5:15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

REVIEW/DISCUSS

1. Read through Galatians 5 multiple times this week. Take note of the various ways we are told to relate to the Holy Spirit and what he produces in our lives. How do these different descriptions compliment one another? What can we anticipate about our lives if we maintain our attentiveness to his presence and role?

2. In Galatians 5:14, Paul (quoting Jesus Matthew 19:19) references Leviticus 19:18. Meditate on this simple, yet staggering, commandment. What does it mean to "love your neighbor as yourself"? How have you, or how can you, develop a more consistent embrace of this way of living? Identify one "neighbor" who you can practice this on this coming week.

3. Revisit our past memorization encouragements (Gal. 2:20; 4:7; 5:1; 5:5-6). How are you doing with writing these glorious truths on your mind and heart? Remember: comprehension is the goal!

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