

Study: Galatians

Text: Galatians 5:1-6

“LIVING IN LIBERTY, NOT LEGALISM”

Paul now moves from the *doctrinal* portion of his letter to the *daily living* portion—from *renewing the mind* through knowing what God says is true to *reflecting Christ* in the way we live—ultimately from *argument to application*.

As we have been *hearing* what God says, we now are challenged in what to *do* about what God says.

A. Believers and their Liberty (v. 1-6)

“Christianity is freedom not _____. Christ has set us free; so we must stand firm in our freedom.”

1. Paul’s _____ (v. 1)

a. The _____ of our stand

It is vital for each of us to have a mind _____ with the truth of God’s Word. Don’t forget your position.

John 8:36 If the **Son** therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Paul introduces us to the practice of *Christian liberty*. Understanding our position should help us to in our practice of this liberty which will lead to a life of fruitful _____. On the other hand, if our liberty is abused, it will lead to a life of frustrating defeat.

b. The _____ of our stand

Leviticus 26:13 **I am** the **LORD** your **God**, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and **I** have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

a. Our standing _____

Cf. Ephesians 6:11-14

Q: How are we to stand?

Cf. Romans 6:17-18

b. Our _____ directed

Q: What are you submitting yourself to? Is it the flesh or the Spirit? Is it the law or grace?

2. Paul’s _____ (v. 2-4)

a. The _____ of bondage (v. 2)

Cf. Acts 15:1

Paul Tripp – Human legalism leads to human self-righteousness. Human self-righteousness denies the need for the saving, enabling grace of Christ. Human righteousness embraces the cruelest of Satan’s lies, that a person can be righteous by keeping the law. If that were true, there would have been no need for the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore **He** is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto **God** by **Him**, seeing **He** ever liveth to make intercession for them.

b. The _____ of bondage (v. 3)

Cf. Romans 8:3-4; Galatians 3:10; James 2:10

c. The _____ of bondage (v. 4)

Cf. Galatians 2:21

1 John 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

3. Paul’s _____ (v. 5-6)

a. Triumphant _____ (v. 5)

Cf. John 14:26

What did Jesus say? (John 14:1-3)

Cf. Romans 8:10-11

b. True _____ (v. 6)

Cf. Matthew 22:37-40

The motive for our working out our salvation is not to earn God’s favor—we have His favor. The motive is love—out of love we work and serve our Lord.

What is my next step?

(*Put off*) What must I put off that is both hinder my walk with Christ or someone else’s?

(*Renew your mind*) What qualities or Words of Christ must I meditate upon?

(*Put on*) What qualities of Christ must I seek to have as a characteristic of my life?

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it – James 1:21-25
Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ – Eph. 4:22-24

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1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF**)

2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew**)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?

3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew**)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?

 - d. What example to follow?

4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew**)

5. In light of what I have heard from God,... (**Put ON**)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)

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Sermon Notes

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