

Study: Galatians

Text: Galatians 5:13-15

“LIVING IN LIBERTY, NOT LICENSE”

I. Living in Liberty, not Legalism (5:1-12)

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

“Christianity is freedom not bondage. Christ has set us free; so we must stand firm in our freedom and not go back to living in bondage once again.”

B. False Teachers and their *Legalism* (v. 7-12)

II. Living in Liberty, not _____ (v. 13-15)

Q: Who do you serve?

The answer to this question defines your Christian liberty.

Christian liberty is not the _____ of standards which leads to license or licentious living, but it maintains standards set by Biblical principles, NOT for God’s approval but in as a means by which we express our love for the Lord.

John 14:15 If ye love **Me**, keep **My** commandments.

- † Christian living that is ruled by _____ is *legalism*.
- † Christian living that is ruled by _____ is *license*.
- † Christian living that is ruled by _____ is *liberty*.

A. The _____ Use of Christian Liberty—Serving _____ (v. 13b)

1. Liberty ruled by _____—_____ limitations

Our “*flesh*” is our sinful human nature that we inherited from our parents. It is a nature that is consumed by self-centeredness and therefore tempts us to sin at every turn.

1 Corinthians 8:9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

B. The _____ Use of Christian Liberty—Serving _____ (v. 13c-14)

† Liberty ruled by _____—_____ limitations

a. _____ Others in Love (v. 13c)

Cf. **Romans 14:13**

1 Corinthians 10:23 All things are lawful for me, **but all things are not expedient**: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

Q: Is this worthwhile or helpful?

1 Corinthians 6:12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, **but I will not be brought under the power of any**.

Q: Will I become enslaved to this?

b. The Law of *Love* (v. 14)

Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus said unto him, “Thou shalt love the **Lord thy God** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

The command to “*love the Lord thy God with all thy heart*” speaks of having a whole-hearted _____ for God.

Colossians 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the **Lord**, and not unto men;

Cf. **1 John 3:16-18**

B. The _____ of Christian Liberty—Serving _____ (v. 15)

† Liberty ruled by _____—Love _____

Instead of living by the law of love we can live by the law of the jungle when we go to _____ extremes.

We need to keep in mind that “*love*” is patient and kind, it is not filled with pride nor seek its own way (1Co 13:4).

Evangelist Shorty Shank – *Biblical love* is a selfless commitment to another’s highest good.

John 13:35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are **My** disciples, if ye have love one to another.

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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