

Study: Galatians

Text: Galatians 5:7-12

“LIVING IN LIBERTY, NOT LEGALISM” (PART 2)

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 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 _____ (v. 7-12)

Q: “Who or what are we allowing to be our teachers in this life?”

1. Their _____ Persuasion— _____ Lies (v. 7-9)

a. Consider the _____ (v. 7)

Q: How does someone hinder you from obeying the truth?

Example: Adam and Eve in the garden (Gen. 2:1-17; 3:1-3).

What was the problem with Eve’s answer? She didn’t seem to remember God’s command very well. She remembered the *privileges*, added to the *prohibition*, and minimized the *penalty*.

Notice that he rebukes them for turning away from the _____ being no longer convinced of the truth. In this Christian race, they began to run after some other goal.

b. Consider the _____ (v. 8)

“**This persuasion cometh not...**” – This “*persuasion*” speaks of a deceptive persuasion.

Proverbs 1:10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

1 Peter 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of **Him Who** hath called you out of darkness into **His** marvellous light:

God, in His favor, had called them in grace to live a life in grace. Now they were seeking to live a life of works that merited God’s favor.

c. Consider the _____ Effect (v. 9)

“*Leaven*” in Scripture is usually a picture of sin which starts small but if left alone will grow and permeate the whole.

2. Paul’s _____ Confidence— _____ Truths (v. 10-12)

a. About the Galatians’ and their _____ (v. 10a)

b. About the Judaizers and their _____ (v. 10b)

The word “*troubleth*” speaks of creating _____.

1 Corinthians 14:33 For **God** is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

c. About Christ and the _____ (v. 11)

Q: What is so offensive about Christ and the cross?

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?

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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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