



# GALATIANS

**Called to Freedom  
(Love and Service)**

5:5-15

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## **FROM WHAT ARE WE SET FREE?**

Sin, Satan's Dominion, Death, the Law

Sin: Falling short of the glory of God ties to the OT idea of sin as missing the mark.

Glorifying God is praising, honoring, proclaiming & reflecting the glory & the name of the Lord.



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**1:1** Paul, an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead), **2** and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:  
**1:3** Grace to you and peace **from God** our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, **4** who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, **5** to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen.

**King (Sovereignty) - Grace (Gospel) - Glory**





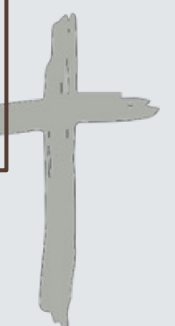
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**Galatians 5:1** It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery... **5** For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness. **6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.

- Set free for freedom
- Set free to love



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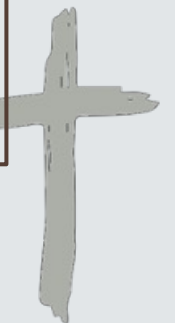
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**Galatians 5:7** You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth?

**8** This persuasion did not come from Him who calls you. **9** A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough.

- Watch out for separation from the truth.
- Watch out for separation from true brothers and sisters in Christ.



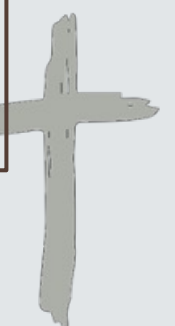
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**Galatians 5:10** I have confidence in you in the Lord that you will adopt no other view; but the one who is disturbing you will bear his judgment, whoever he is. **11** But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been abolished. **12** I wish that those who are troubling you would even mutilate themselves.

- The cross is at the heart of Paul's gospel.





**Galatians 5:13** For you were **called to freedom,** brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but **through love serve one another.**

**14** For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." **15** But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

- Set free to love, not to bite and devour

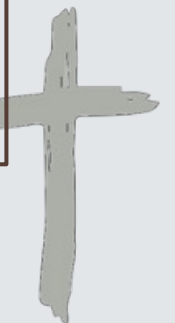






**After the call to freedom (v. 13a),  
Paul orders his thoughts in a chiasm:**

- A. Do not use freedom for the flesh (v. 13b)
  - B. Instead, use it for love (v. 13c)
  - B. Love is the summary command (v. 14)
- A. Flesh is seen when you fight with one another (v. 15)





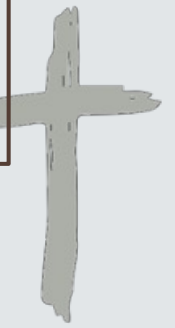
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Our society wants to be left alone, to tear down social barriers, and to find oneself.

Jesus wants us to be left with Him and His people, to break down barriers in society as a reflection of God's love in our hearts, and to find oneself in denying ourselves before God.



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Confessing our sin and dependency on God is the start of our freedom.

Rely on The King as we die to ourselves because He is the Way. (In Christ)

Live in the Spirit.

The Spirit allows us to be and do what God wants us to be and do.

(GRACE)



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1-2 Defense of the true gospel

3-4 Defense of justification by faith

5-6 **Call to and introduction for living free**

How do I respond to the gospel and **live in God's grace?**

How do I make progress in my relationship **with brothers and sisters in Christ?**

