

Series "No Other Gospel"
"A Call To Freedom"
Galatians 5:13-15
Part-12

The mark of genuine spiritual discipleship is love, John 13:35.

Galatians 5:1, 13.

Paul has explained that no amount of legislation can change man's basic sinful nature. It is not law on the outside, but love on the inside.

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The Thought Of The Passage: "Liberty Minus Love Will Issue In License, Whereas Liberty Plus Love Will Result In Service."

1. Verse 13 – Freedom Without Love

2. Verse 13 – Freedom With Love

3. Verses 14-15 – Freedom Is The Law Through Love

1. Verse 13 – Freedom Without Love:

Galatians 5:13 – "For" – Paul just left off with "Not Falling From Grace;" he said these stinging words to the false teachers, Galatians 5:12.

"you were called to freedom," – "This is the active call to salvation," Galatians 1:6; 5:8; Romans 8:28, 30. The result of this call is a justified position before God, Romans 8:30. The basis of the call is "liberty."

"Freedom" – We are speaking of a freedom from trying to please God by our works.

Being free from the penalty of sin because Christ died for us on the cross.

"Freedom" – We are speaking of a freedom from the guilt of past sins.

"Freedom" – We are speaking of freedom from SELF, which is sin and its control.

Luke 4:18

John 8:34

“brethren;” – He is speaking to Christians. These are people that have recognized their need for forgiveness and their inability to save themselves.

“opportunity” – It is a military term that means “an advantage point, an offensive point;” means a starting point, a base of operations, or a springboard for action.

“for the flesh” – “It is the fallen nature which we inherited from Adam, our parents.” It is twisted with self-centeredness and prone to sin, the sin nature which is still an integral part of the redeemed sinner.”

NLT Galatians 5:13 – “For you have been called to live in freedom—not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love.”

Christian freedom is freedom from sin not freedom to sin.

We are prone to 2 extremes:

1. Liberty Means License: We have freedom to do what we please.

Romans 6:12-14; Titus 3:3

2. Legislation Can Change Man’s Sinful Nature: Imposing Law is the pathway to holiness and God’s acceptance.

Hebrews 12:15 – “See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God;”

The True Grace Of God: 1 Peter 5:12 – “the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!”

Titus 2:11-12

Imitation False Grace Of God: Jude 4.

2. Verse 13 – Freedom With Love:

Galatians 5:13 – “but through love serve one another.” – The real goal of spiritual liberty is to “serve one another.”

The formula looks something like this:
liberty + love = service to others.
liberty – Love = license (slavery to sin)

A sinner has been set free from the bondage of self, sin, and Satan so that he might become a slave to others.

(NLT) 1 John 4:12 – No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love has been brought to full expression through us.

1. **Eros** – not used in the Bible. Sexual love – Eros – erotic – it's a taking love, not giving (more lust than love).
2. **Phileo** – Human love. Affection – brotherly love – affection – human love (We get Philadelphia the city of brotherly love).
3. **Agape** – Which is God's love. Divine – Unconditional – Loves for no reason – love exists to demonstrate Divine love, Spiritual, plane – experienced only by believers. Not based on performance, excellency, true worth, but a love that is a deliberate choice – made without assignable cause, save that which lies in the nature of God Himself.

"but through love serve one another." – Service without love becomes punishment.

"serve one another." – Literally "to be a slave, to be a servant;" the idea of not being a master with a lot of slaves, but each to be one poor slave with a lot of masters;" Service not selfishness!

We have become slaves under the law of love ("by love"). Service without love becomes drudgery, but service through love becomes a blessing to all.

3. Verses 14-15 – Freedom Is The Law Through Love:

Galatians 5:14 – "For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement," – The Judaizers failed to see beyond the precepts of the law to its principle.

The Presence Of Love: "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." – All relational problems can be solved through this one word.

If a person really loved God, he would not violate the commandments of the first table, Exodus 20: 1-11; If a person really loved his neighbor as himself, Exodus 20: 12-17.

Romans 13: 8-10

Verse 15 – The Absence Of Love: Galatians 5:15 – “But if you bite and devour one another,” – The picture here is of wild animals attacking each other. Instead of serving each other, Christians were being served as food for gossip.

This is what legalism produces. It produces an atmosphere of criticism (Look at me!). This in itself is proof that law cannot force people to get along with each other.

“take care that you are not consumed by one another.” – Holy Spirit within gives us the love that we need.

Application:

1. The Believer Who Spends Time Daily In The Word And Prayer, And Who Yields To The Spirit's Working, Is Going To Enjoy Liberty And Will Help Build Up The Church.
2. Freedom Not To Indulge In The Flesh But A Freedom To Control The Flesh.
3. Liberty Minus Love Will Issue In License, Whereas Liberty Plus Love Will Result In Service.