

## NOTES: Faith and Freedom | The Law of Love

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The Galatians were struggling with freedom, but they were taking the new freedom to go back to bondage by the law and also bondage by the flesh.

Our choices and behavior are the markers and evidence of our love for Jesus.

**Galatians 5.1** *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."* (Galatians 5:1, NIV)

### Galatians 5.13-15

#### 1. Do not use spiritual freedom as an opportunity for the flesh (v. 13)

The Galatians were free from the law and free from the flesh and free from sin, but the freedom they received was being used to actually cause them to be bound again.

Actions of the Flesh (Galatians 5.19-21)

Sexual immorality, Impurity, Debauchery, Idolatry, Witchcraft, Hatred, Discord, Jealousy, First of rage  
Selfish ambition, Dissensions, Factions, Envy, Drunkenness, Orgies  
....and the like.

#### 2. Through Love Serve on another. How?

- a) Live the law of love.
- b) Walk by the Spirit (v. 16 & 25)  
Led by the Spirit (v.22)
- c) Live in the fruit of the Spirit

#### 3. This is living "The Law of Love" (v.14)

*"Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."* (Romans 13:10, NIV)

### Conclusion

*"For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope."* (Galatians 5:5, NIV)

Through the Spirit by Faith Do you need to stop the sin of the flesh, ask forgiveness, get saved?

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1. Read Galatians 5.1 below

Galatians 5.1 *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."* (Galatians 5:1, NIV)

What has Christ set you free from?

2. Read Galatians 5.13-15

3. Verse 13 tells us not to use our freedom as an opportunity for the flesh. What does Paul mean?

4. What are the deeds of the flesh (Galatians 5.19-21)? Does it seem like Christians tolerate some more than others? Which ones and why?

5. Which one damages families the most?

6. How can we serve one another in love practically?

How can we serve our families in love?

7. Paul teach about walking in the Spirit and being led by the Spirit. Read 5.16, 22, 25.  
How do we walk (or live) in the Spirit daily? What do you do?

8. How are we led by the Spirit (verse 22).

9. Read the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5.22-25

Love  
Joy  
Peace  
Patience  
Kindness  
Goodness  
Faithfulness  
Gentleness  
Self-control

10. Which one is toughest for you? Which one is super important to you right now in your life and why?  
Does this change through the seasons of life?