

Serving – The Proof of Freedom

Lessons We Learn

1. Christians are meant to _____
_____.
2. Our freedom is to be expressed
_____.

Think about this . . .

If, as a Christian, you would be free to do anything you wanted with no consequences, what would you do?

The Story Line of Galatians

Many _____ had moved to the area of Galatia and met _____ Christ through the ministry of the Apostle Paul. _____ teachers taught these Jews that as Christians, they still needed to follow the _____.

Paul, _____ at this teaching, helps these new converts understand how to be _____ and enjoy their freedom.

What Has Been the Progression of Our Learning?

Week 1 -- Many people (even Simon Peter!) fall _____ into trying to keep the law even though it can't _____ them. (Gal. 2:11-14)

Week 2 -- WHY did God give the law if it can't save us? Because it _____ us to Jesus Christ who can save us! (Gal. 2:15-16)

Week 3 – When we realize what Jesus did for us, we ought to be so _____ that we allow Him to live through us! (Gal. 2:20-21)

Week 4 – We need the _____ of the Holy Spirit to allow Christ to live through us.

Today we learn how to identify someone who is filled with the Spirit.

The Command

Gal. 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.

1. Don't _____ on this one!
2. Don't allow _____ to lead you back into _____.

The Choices

1. _____ – It says that if you do (or don't do) certain things God will _____ you.

Gal. 5:2 Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. 3 Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law

- Legalism deals with our _____ body.
- Legalism deals with our _____.
- Legalism deals with our _____ codes.
- Legalism deals with _____.

Legalism is an extreme that we need to _____!

2. _____ – It says that since I'm _____, I can do _____ I want and no one can judge me.

Gal. 5:13 You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

- License is not the way that _____.
- License is self-_____ and _____!
- License usually leads to _____ and _____.

Gal. 5:12 As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!

License is an extreme that we need to avoid!

3. _____ – It says that since I'm free, I _____ to serve _____ that they may come to know the same freedom.

Gal. 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

Gal. 5:13 You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. 14 The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

- Liberty considers _____.
- Liberty avoids _____ (5:6)
- Liberty has one "_____" – _____ others!

License is a lifestyle that many Christians _____!

The Conclusion

1. This can be a _____ issue!

Gal. 5:15 If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

2. But more than anything else, _____ (serving others) will bring _____ to Jesus!

Matt. 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.