

8.) In verse 6 of our passage, Paul tells us that what really matters is our faith working itself out in love. Read James 1:26-27 where James is teaching something very similar. How does James help you to better understand verse 6 in our passage?

9.) In reference to question number 7, how much of the “good” that you do on a daily basis is done because you love Christ and other people?

10.) In verses 7-10, Paul indicates that the Galatians had been doing well but then started to fall away. Their change in belief led to a change in action. How have you seen the principle, “a change in belief leads to a change in action”, play out positively and negatively in your own life?

11.) Do you think that the false teachers came advertising who they were and what the outcome of their teaching would be? What could the Galatians have done to avoid falling off track? What can you do to avoid falling off track both in belief and practice?



Week of February 19, 2017

A Word About Freedom (Gal. 5:1-12)

Five Principles of Christian Freedom:

- I. Freedom is not found in Christ + _____; it is found in Christ + _____.**
 - a. Since justification is predicated on _____ in Christ, any deviation into _____ is a _____ of Christ.
- II. Freedom is not _____, it is _____ through _____.**
 - a. Christian freedom is _____ to the truth.
 - b. It is faith _____ in _____ for Christ, which naturally translates into _____ for _____.
- III. Freedom is God's _____ for His children.**
 - a. Even the _____, given by God as an act of _____ was intended to deliver us to _____ in Christ.
- IV. Freedom should be _____.**
 - a. Legalism tends to _____.
 - b. _____ to Christian freedom are to be _____.
- V. Freedom is a _____.**
 - a. Freedom is _____, because it is _____.

Questions for Discussion...

Getting to know you...

- 1.) Describe a time in your life when you experienced freedom for the first time.

Reflecting on the Sermon...

Read through and answer the following questions about this week's text:

- 2.) As you listened to Pastor Matt's sermon this Sunday, what insight, principle, or observation did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- 3.) Why does Paul connect seeking to be justified by the law, to slavery?
- 4.) Verse 1 of our text states, "It was for freedom that Christ set us free." Can you think of other scripture references that teach us what we have been set free from? Then, understanding what we have been set free from, what does it look like to live in freedom?

- 5.) Read verses 2-3 of our text. Here, Paul tells us that we cannot seek to be justified by grace and the law at the same time. What are some practical ways that you do this today? And what are difficulties that result from doing this?

- 6.) Read verse 4 of our text. Paul says that we have been "severed" from Christ if we seek to be justified by the law. How essential is Paul making this issue? And what are the arguments we have heard in this sermon series so far, for why Paul makes such a big deal out of this?
- 7.) Verse 5 says that a Christian "hopes" for righteousness. What is Biblical hope and what does it mean to live with the "hope of righteousness"? How can living with that hope have a positive effect on your righteousness now?