

# *Galatians, Free in Grace*

(13) The Righteous shall *live* by faith

## *The exploitation of freedom in Christ...5:13-15*

What is Paul's summary statement to believers? vs.13a 1:6; 5:8

**You, brothers, were called (the call of salvation) to be free (of living under Law).**

However, what is his warning and then command to the believer? vs.13b IPet.2:16; Rom.13:14

**Don't claim freedom to indulge sin! Not Lawless! Rather, love one another.**

Is it possible for a true believer to abuse their freedom in Christ? vs.13 Comment?

**Obviously, yes, because of this warning. It's the usual 'justification' from the Judaizers!**

Was this problem (license) a surprise to God? Jude 3-4 Comment?

**Absolutely not! They distort Grace/freedom into license/sin. "In among you", in Church.**

What elegant summary of the Law does Paul quote? vs.14; Mt.7:12; 22:34-40; Rom.13:8-10

**Love your neighbor as yourself, IS the intent of the moral Law. This is from the heart.**

What is true about the believer in Christ that makes this possible? Rom.5:5; Eph.1:13-14

**It's only possible by yielding to the indwelling Holy Spirit. Only He can love God's love.**

From Paul's letter thus far, what was obviously happening in these churches? vs.15 Why?

**There was internal bickering. The Judaizers against the anti-nomians. Laws/license...**

Does Satan really care which one of these lies dominates? Why?? Jn.8:44

**Not really. He's a liar and the father of lies. As long as the truth is obscured.**

## *Living life by faith...5:16-18*

What is God's plan for how a believer is to live life? vs.16a see IICor.3

**We are to live by the (Holy) Spirit. This is contrasted to living by the sinful nature (flesh).**

By review, what are the two extremes of living *by the sinful nature* (flesh)? 5:4; 5:13

**Living by laws / regulations or living with total disregard for sin. Both are condemned.**

IF we *DO* walk (live life) by the Spirit, what will we *NOT DO*? vs.16

**We will NOT gratify the desires of the sinful nature (flesh). This is simply not possible!**

Why is this (not possible)? vs.17a

**What the Spirit wants and what the flesh wants are absolute opposites! No commonality.**

What is the result of this internal struggle for the believer? vs.17b Rom.7:14-25

**The flesh tries to keep us from doing what we know, by the Spirit, is right. Warfare!**

How does the true believer get out from under the law (deeds of the flesh)? vs.18

**By being led by the Holy Spirit. Yielding our will to His will and obeying His directions.**