



Liberated to Live Free in Christ

a study of Galatians

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Starting where you are

Galatians 5:2-26

- **The BIG Idea: Christian Liberty**
- The call to embrace Christian liberty (5:2-12)
- The war between Flesh and Spirit (5:13-26)

The BIG Idea: Christian Liberty

What is it? A state of freedom from bondage; one's position in relation to various forms of enslavement. Characterizes the state of believers who reject the imposition of the Law on their salvation.

How do Christians experience it?


- In community – 1 Cor 10:29; Gal 2:4
- God's gift of grace – Gal 5:1
- As a discipline – Gal 5:13; 1 Peter 2:16; 2 Peter 2:19
- As God's presence – 2 Cor 3:17

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The BIG Idea: Christian Liberty (*cont'd*)

Why is it important?

- Sign of grace: Gal 1:6; 2:15; 3:13-14, 22; 5:4
- Sign of salvation: Gal 1:3-4; 5:4
- Sign of spiritual growth: Gal 2:19-20; 4:8-9; 5:1, 7, 13-15
- Sign of Christian community: Gal 1:6-9, 2:4-5, 14; 3:26-29



For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

Galatians 5:13



The call to embrace Christian liberty (5:2-12)

Three images:

1. The Slave (from 5:1)

- You lose: _____
- But you have: _____

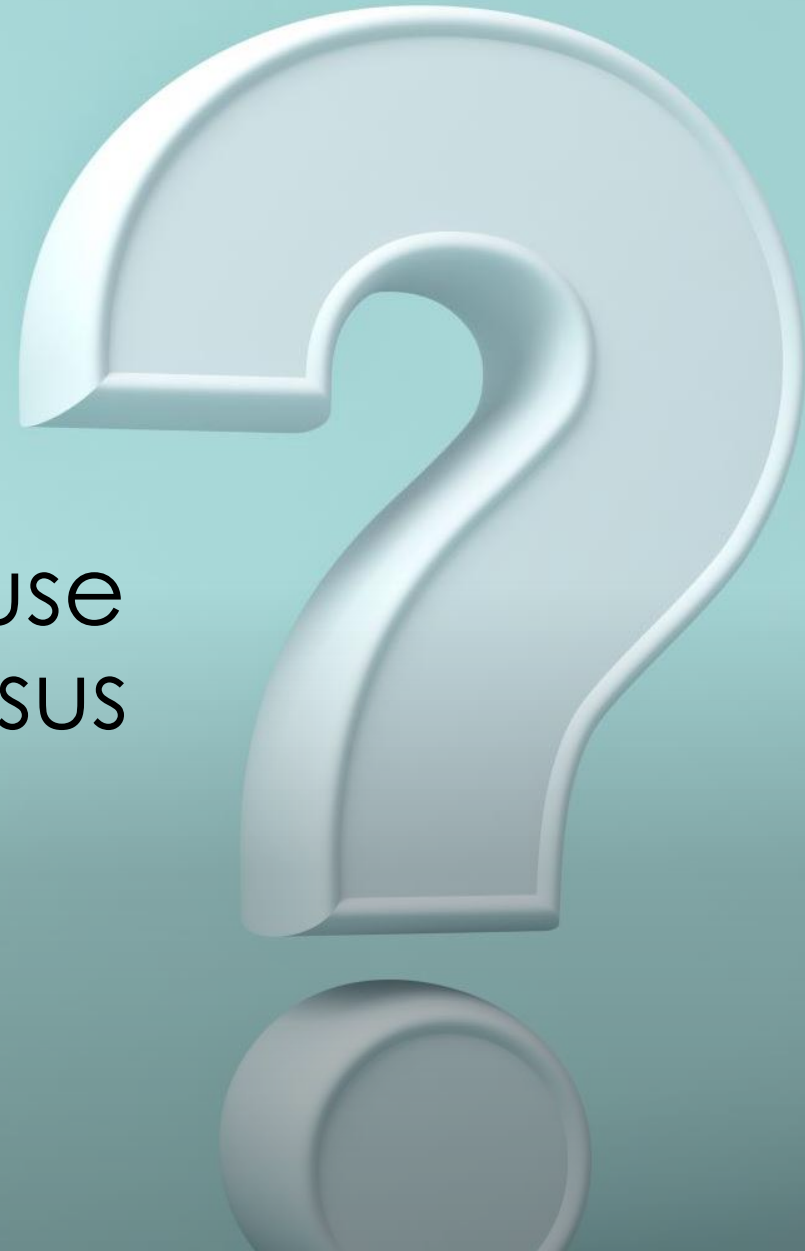
2. The Debtor (5:2-6)

- You lose: _____
- But you have: _____

3. The Runner (5:7-12)

- You lose: _____
- But you have: _____

How do you benefit because
of your relationship with Jesus
Christ?



The war between Flesh and Spirit (5:13-26)

Fruit of the Flesh

- Fornication
- Impurity
- Licentiousness
- Idolatry
- Sorcery
- Enmities
- Strife
- Jealousy
- Anger
- Quarrels
- Dissensions
- Factions
- Envy
- Drunkenness
- Carousing

Fruit of the Spirit

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Kindness
- Generosity
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self-Control

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The war between Flesh and Spirit (5:13-26 cont'd.)

Read Romans 8:1-17

How does the Spirit help believers win the war within?

- I. Enables us to fulfill the law of love (5:13-15)
- II. Enables us to overcome the flesh (5:16-21, 24)
- III. Enables us to produce spiritual fruit (22-23, 25-26)

What is your testimony of how the Spirit helped you fight and win the battle within?



Questions

