



STUDY GUIDE 12-GALATIANS 5:13-26
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Freedom in Christ

In our American culture, the word freedom has a number of connotations. But are our culture's ideas about freedom the same as the Bible's ideas about freedom? How is Biblical freedom different from our cultural ideas of freedom?

Many times in the book of Galatians, Paul reminds us that we have been set free. From what have we been set free? For what have we been set free?

Freedom to Serve:

Paul makes a connection between our freedom and our community in verses 13-15. How does our cultural understanding of freedom contrast to this communal understanding of freedom?

What are the ways in which we might be tempted to use our freedom selfishly, instead of using it for the benefit of others?

Walking in the Spirit

It is often too easy to abuse the grace we have been offered in Christ, and give ourselves the freedom to sin. In taking advantage of forgiveness, we continue to submit to sin. What is Paul's remedy for the Christian in this position, according to verse 16?

Walking by the Spirit means we are in step with what the Holy Spirit desires to do in us. Yet we often try to bring these attributes into existence on our own. How can we submit to the work of the Spirit in allowing Him to bear this fruit in our lives, instead of relying on human effort?

Perhaps one of the best indicators we have for spiritual health is our relationships with other believers. How does the fruit of the spirit look different when we think of these attributes being lived out in community, rather than just in our own individual lives?