

The Letter to the Galatians: Chapter 5

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(1 – 2) Describe the liberty / freedom brought by Christ. In relation to the theme of Paul's letter, what had Christ freed the Jews from, and from what has he freed all Christians? How did Paul say that the Galatians should respond to that freedom, and how can we apply that lesson? (*Romans 8: 1 – 3*)

(3 – 6) How did Paul describe those Christians who still wanted to follow the Old Law? What observation did Paul make regarding the importance of faith and how it impacts our relationship with God? (*Romans 3: 27 – 31*)

(7 – 10) Describe the point of the question that Paul posed in verse 7, and the observation that he made in verse 8. What was Paul's point in the illustration that he used regarding leaven? What warning did Paul give, and how can we apply that warning? (*1 Corinthians 5: 6 – 8*)

(11 – 12) What point did Paul make in the question and statement that he presented in verse 11? If Paul had believed (and taught) that the Old Law was still valid, what would that indicate about Christ's sacrifice? What was Paul's wish regarding those who were teaching falsehoods to the Galatians?

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(13 – 15) What was the liberty / freedom that the Galatians had been given, and how did Paul say that they should respond? How can we apply this message? What warning did Paul give about how Christians treat one another?

(Leviticus 19: 18; Mark 12: 28 – 31; Romans 12: 9 – 13)

(16 – 18) What was the meaning of Paul’s instruction to “walk in the Spirit”? Describe the conflict that Paul references in this passage. How can we relate to this conflict between sin and righteousness, and how can we overcome the temptation to act on our worldly, sinful impulses?

(2 Corinthians 5: 7; Romans 7: 19 – 21)

(19 – 21) In describing the works of the flesh, did Paul provide a comprehensive list of every possible sin that someone could commit? Accordingly, what was the purpose of Paul providing this list? Consider how these sins could be organized into the following four categories: sensual sins, religious sins, interpersonal sins, and social sins.

(22 – 26) Considering that we will study the fruit of the Spirit in detail in upcoming classes, what did Paul mean when he stated that there was no law against these attributes and actions? How did Paul describe the impact of a faithful relationship with Christ, and how did Paul say that we should act toward each other? *(Romans 8: 12 – 14)*