

## **Galatians 5:1-15**

In chapter 5, Paul is going to continue talking about freedom, both from sin and the law. Vs. 1-15 will focus on freedom from the law as well as what faith in Jesus looks like for the believer.

**Vs 1-4** You are free!! Paul's message to the Galatians was to not fall back into slavery to the law. For them, this meant the practice of circumcision. Paul is clear that returning to the law nullifies their faith in Christ. By trusting in the law again, they have fallen from grace.

The question for us – Are we trusting in Jesus alone? Is our faith in Jesus or have we added “rules & regulations” that make us feel better about our spirituality? What “rules & regulations” have you added or maybe learned from others?

**Vs 5 & 6** Live by the Spirit! Faith expressing itself in love! Do these statements express the walk you have with God? Paul makes it very clear that “keeping rules” is not what God is after. He is looking for us to walk by His Spirit and have such a deep faith in Him that it will be seen in how we love others.

**Vs 8** Called to live in freedom – both from the law and from sin which he begins to discuss in 13-15.

Vs 13-15 Paul says we are not to use our freedom to sin. Rather, we are to use it to serve one another in love. We are free to serve others in love – even those may not agree with or who may not treat as well.

**Question: What are you doing with your freedom in Christ?**