

Heaven's Freedom #3

#3 series on Galatians.

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1. Freedom

- Our position in Christ: adult sons and daughters of God.
- No longer imprisoned.

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Galatians 5:1 *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

Galatians 5:13 *You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.*

2. Life

Galatians 5:17 *for the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature.*

They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.

Galatians 5:16 *So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.*

2. Life

Three areas of life by the Spirit:

- LIVE by the Spirit (5:16)
- LED by the Spirit (5:18)
- WALK with the Spirit (5:25)

3. Fruit

- The contrast between the life by the Spirit and the sinful nature is stark.

Galatians 5:19-21a *The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies and the like...*

3. Fruit.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit produced by the Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions: joy that overflows, peace that subdues, patience that endures, kindness in action, a life full of virtue, faith that prevails, gentleness of heart, and strength of spirit.

Never set the law above these qualities, for they are meant to be limitless.



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