
Finding Freedom: A Study In Galatians

"Functional Freedom"

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Galatians 5:13-18

Introduction: We are now in our final section of our study where Paul is focused on the practical issues we Christians face in everyday life. In today's text, the issue is: "What does freedom look like?"

1. It's a good question. Many have an incomplete, superficial understanding of freedom.
2. They focus on constraint, limits, restrictions & regulations, thinking the absence of such things is freedom.
3. There is an element of truth there, but there is also a very real danger.
4. We live in a "present evil age", we live in a "body of death", without some kind of restraint, we will likely self-destruct.
5. The issue becomes what kind of restraint is needed & effective.
6. Paul answers those kinds of questions in this very practical section.
7. He starts by focusing on love.

I. Freedom Loves

A. Self-Indulgence

B. Service

II. Freedom Submits

A. The Desires Of The Flesh

B. Led By The Spirit

Conclusion: Do you see what Paul is saying?

1. Freedom misunderstood enslaves.
2. Real freedom is the ability to be the men & women God designed us to be.
3. Think of a train, when is it free?
4. Paul lays out the two tracks that define real freedom: Holy Spirit control, love your neighbor.
5. When we are on the tracks, we are free to become the men & women God designed us to be.