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Galatians: The Gospel As It Should Be

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BUT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE

Spirit of adoption

BY WHICH WE CRY OUT

ABBA

=====*Father*=====

Galatians

Christian Liberty

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

² Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.

Chapter 5

³ And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law.

⁴ You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

Freedom in Christ by the Spirit (part 2) – Gal. 5:1-26

1. Biblical, New Covenant Freedom – what is it? (review)

Conceptually, based upon Biblical Principles

It is FREEDOM FROM ... and FREEDOM TO

Freedom from:

a. the Penalty of our sin and sins

i. God's Wrath and Judgment

ii. Eternal Punishment in the Lake of Fire

b. Bondage to sin / the power of sin

c. following the Old Covenant, Mosaic Law of God for Israel (i.e.: performance-based righteousness)

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Freedom to:

- a. Follow Jesus Christ, in Loving-Trust, personally**
- b. Obey Christ's Righteousness (His Righteous ways)**
- c. Be all the God has Created us to be, in Christ**
- d. Love the way God loves us**
- e. Share this Grace, Love and Truth with others**
- f. Know and Follow God's Word in the Holy Spirit**
- g. Bear Fruit for Christ's Name sake**

2. Called to Freedom, not to Selfishness (Gal. 5:13-15 - Review)

¹³ For you, brethren, have been called to LIBERTY; only DO NOT use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

Our LIBERTY → OUR FREEDOM in CHRIST ...

→ is to be used to LOVE God and Others ...

Freedom in Christ can be corrupted by our old sinful fleshly nature and become Bondage, again. We can be tricked into thinking our Freedom in Christ is really something for ourselves ... to fulfill our selves. BUT, we're SAVED to SERVE God, in Christ, and others – with God's LOVE AND TRUTH.

Freedom in Christ by the Spirit (part 2) – Gal. 5:1-26

3. Walk in the Spirit – not in the flesh. (Gal. 5:16-18)

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LUST or LUSTS → Desire / Desires – Interest / Interests – Cravings / Wants / Hungers for / Thirsts For

The Desires/Interests/Wants of the our Old Sinful Nature are NOT the same as the Desires/Interests/Wants of the Holy Spirit. Our old Sinful Nature wants evil, selfish-gratifications, etc. The Holy Spirit – He wants what God wants for our lives. Holy



**So I say, let the Holy Spirit
guide your lives. Then you
won't be doing what your
sinful nature craves....**

**But when you are directed
by the Spirit, you are not
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Galatians 5:16, 18

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Walk in the Holy Spirit – be Led by the Holy Spirit ...

When we choose to have the Holy Spirit, in Christ, according to the Word of God, lead us – to the praise of Abba, Father ...

We are FREE from the power of SIN and FREE from wanting to please God by the outward performance of externally following the LAW of Moses. My desires will line up with God

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Contrast this with NOT Walking in the Spirit and NOT being Led by the Holy Spirit ...

We, then, can be under the control of the “desires” of our old sinful nature – and we might be tricked into thinking we can somehow please God with our own Religious Self-Efforts of seeking to follow the Law of Moses (in some form).

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Look at vs. 18 → Implications are HUGE:

If we are LED by God's Spirit we are NOT under the LAW of Moses (set free from it)

But, if we are seeking to obey, follow the Law of Moses, now, during the time of the New Covenant:

→ we are NOT Being Led by the Holy Spirit of God! HUGE

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Thus, since they were caught up in the Judaizer Movement or what we call today – Hebrew Roots Movement Legalism (HRML) – “following of the LAW”, essentially becoming a Jew in order to follow Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah – this PROVED that they were NOT Walking in the Spirit and NOT being LED by the Holy Spirit, but by their “FLESH” ...

4. The in “WORKS” of the FLESH. (Gal. 5:19-21)

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who PRACTICE such things will NOT inherit the kingdom of God.

Paul is enumerating sinful practices that flow out of a sinful heart, out of our old sinful nature (i.e. “the flesh”).

“those who PRACTICE such things ...” It is a part of their life, they are not ashamed of them, not struggling, OK with them. They might even have “PRIDE” parades celebrating them.

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These sins can be found exposed in the Old Testament – over and over again. These are repeated by Jesus and His Apostles in the New Testament. These are sins that transcend just breaking some ceremonial/purity statutes of the Law of Moses – but breaking God’s Universal Moral Laws (common to both OT & NT)

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1 Timothy 1:8-11: (The LAW Exposes Sinfulness)

But we know that the LAW is good if one uses it lawfully, ⁹ knowing this: that the LAW is NOT made for a righteous person, BUT FOR the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, ¹⁰ for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹ according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

The LAW EXPOSES OUR SINFUL NATURE and its “WORKS”

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1 Corinthians 6:9-11: (these “sinners” will not inherit the KoG)

Do you not know that the unrighteous will NOT inherit the Kingdom of God? DO NOT BE DECEIVED. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the Kingdom of God.¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the Name of the LORD Jesus and BY the Spirit of our God.

ONLY Jesus Christ can SAVE US for our SINS ...

→ From the Power and Penalty of our Sinful Nature

Not a pill, a certain exercise, or therapy - nothing except JESUS!!!

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These sins reveal our utter DEPRAVITY – Only Jesus can save us
Jesus said, “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.” Matthew 15:19-20



5. Christ's Work of Holy Transformation in our Lives – The Fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22-26)

But the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we LIVE in the Spirit, LET US also WALK in the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us NOT become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

The listed FRUIT – singular “FRUIT” - not 9 FruitS ... One Fruit.

9 ASPECTS of the FRUIT of Christ's work in our lives

The RESULT of Christ's Transformative Work by the Holy Spirit in our Lives produces the very Character of Christ in our Lives. We are becoming more like Jesus Christ, in character, as we COOPERATE with God's Spirit according to the Word of God, alone

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**The RESULT of Christ's Transformative Work by the Holy Spirit
This is Cooperative – LET US (vs. 25) – we must surrender, submit, COOPERATE, allow – Christ to rule in our lives, every area of our lives. We can use the “sins” list in vv. 19-21 – and compare with vv. 22-23 – and we can see how we are doing (personally). Am I becoming more like Christ or not? Not judging others, but “ME”.**

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Based on how we can “test” our Spiritual Temperature, we should then seek to cooperate with Christ, more – more surrender to Him, falling in love with Him, more, obeying Him, trusting Him, more.

You want to bear “better” and more “fruit” →

Prayer, Study of God's Word, Obedience, and Fellowship

You will bear more fruit as you follow Christ like this

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I can see my “Spiritual Temperature” by these verses in chptr 5 – and see how I am doing personally. Again, we are NOT to use this to judge others and see how they are doing and then “playing the role” of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Pray for others, and for yourself. Don't become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another → that is the work of our old sinful “flesh”.

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There is no way our own Efforts (Religious Self Effort of seeking to follow the Law of Moses) could every transform our lives to bear this kind of Christ-like – Holy Spirit created – FRUIT. Only, the Transforming Work of Christ, in our lives – as we COOPERATE – will cause this Fruit to Grow in our LIVES.

→ COOPERATE – Let Christ be Himself to, in, and through you