

# Liberty in Christ

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1. How would you define liberty?
2. What are some freedoms we have as a nation? What are some freedoms we have as believers in Christ?
3. Our liberty comes from Christ. What happens when we attempt to require an act in addition to faith (v. 2)?
4. Why would anyone want to keep someone from enjoying their liberty in Christ?
5. Paul seems to be quite angry with the false teachers in verse 12. When is it appropriate to have such an attitude toward others?
6. Verse 16 explains the designed role for our liberty. How does having liberty in Christ impact loving service?
7. Can someone serve without love? If so, what changes need to take place in order to serve with love?
8. What are some examples of walking in the Spirit versus walking in the flesh?
9. Discuss some ways we as believers can walk in the Spirit.

<sup>1</sup>Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. <sup>2</sup>Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. <sup>3</sup>And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. <sup>4</sup>You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. <sup>5</sup>For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. <sup>6</sup>For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

<sup>7</sup>You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? <sup>8</sup>This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you. <sup>9</sup>A little leaven leavens the whole lump. <sup>10</sup>I have confidence in you, in the LORD, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is. <sup>11</sup>And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased. <sup>12</sup>I could wish that those who trouble you would even cut themselves off! <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

<sup>16</sup>I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

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## Monday

Verse 1 tells us to stand firm in liberty. What are some things that are discouraging you from experiencing the fullness of your liberty in Christ?

## Tuesday

God does not want us to be in bondage. What is trying to get you into bondage? How can you avoid its entanglement?

## Wednesday

How have you used your liberty selfishly (v. 13)?

## Thursday

List some ways you have been serving in love. What are some improvements you may need to make in this area?

## Friday

Are you having difficulties with another believer? What can you do to avoid getting to the point of “biting and devouring” (v. 15)?

## Saturday

Look over the fruit of the Spirit (v. 22,23). Are you walking in the Spirit or fulfilling the works of the flesh?

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