

“DEAR BELIEVER, STAND FAST IN YOUR LIBERTY!” Pt. 1 (Galatians 5:1-6)

I. PAUL DEFENDS HIS AUTHORITY AND THE ORIGINATION OF HIS GOSPEL (Gal. 1 & 2)

II. PAUL DEFENDS JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (Gal. 3 & 4)

III. PAUL DEFENDS CHRISTIAN LIBERTY AND LIVING BY GRACE (Gal. 5 & 6)

A. You are to STAND FAST in Grace (5:1-12)

1. Your position of liberty in Christ is to be acknowledged (5:1a)

- a. In the mind of the apostle to _____ was not optional, because this is a command (*imperative mood*).

- b. It is a fact that _____ is the one who has “_____” (*aorist-indicative*).

- c. What the believer in Christ has been freed *from*?
 - (1) Freed from the... _____ of sin.
 - (2) Freed from the... _____ of the _____
 - (3) Freed from the... dictatorial rule of the _____ in your life
 - (4) Freed from the... _____ of a sinful _____
 - (5) Freed from the... future _____ and the _____ of God
 - (6) Freed from the... fear of _____ and _____

- d. What has the believer in Christ has been freed *to*?
 - (1) Freed to... true _____ in the Lord Christ Jesus
 - (2) Freed to... a personal _____ and even _____ with the living God
 - (3) Freed to... live unto the Lord with new _____ power
 - (4) Freed to... enjoy a privileged position as a _____, as an _____
 - (5) Freed to... be able to _____ others in the local church
 - (6) Freed to... continually have a _____

2. Your position of liberty in Christ is not to be compromised (5:1b)

- a. Paul commanded the Galatians (and us) to _____ being _____ or subjugated to any form of legalism.

* How could we define legalism?

* How is legalism contrary to the Spirit filled life?

- b. The Apostle of grace likened this legalism to a _____ of _____ which was used for a beast of burden, or a slave.

3. The hypocrisy of the legalist who attempts to keep just a few aspects of the Law (5:2-3)

- a. If you embrace a legalistic way of thinking...

(1) you will get caught up (entangled) in _____ and other biblical and non-biblical issues, and you will inevitably _____ them on other people. (5:2a)

(2) you will _____ the Person and the Work of Christ, and as a result, Christ will not practically _____ you at all in your Christian life. (5:2b)

- b. Legalism makes you a _____ to do the _____ Law. (5:3)

* What punishment does the legalist impose on himself if he breaks the Law?

* Are you exchanging your liberty in Christ for spiritual bondage?