

## **“LIBERTY, LICENSE, LOVE & THE LAW”** **(Galatians 5:13-15)**

### **I. STANDING FIRM IN LIBERTY AGAINST *LEGALISM* (5:1-6)**

### **II. STANDING FIRM IN LIBERTY AGAINST *LEGALISTS* (5:7-12)**

### **III. STANDING FIRM IN LIBERTY AGAINST *LICENSE* (5:13-15)**

#### **A. Your Liberty in Christ Is **POSITIONAL** (5:13a)**

*“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty . . .”*

1. The believer’s position of liberty has already been obtained by \_\_\_\_\_ . (5:1)

2. As a result of our position in Christ, believers are \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 7:1-6)

#### **B. Your Liberty in Christ & the **PROBLEM** of **LICENSE** (5:13b)**

*“ . . . only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh . . . ”*

1. Our liberty in Christ should not be abused as a \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Licentiousness is the mentality among Christians that views \_\_\_\_\_ as the freedom  
to fulfill the will of the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than the will of \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **C. Your Liberty in Christ & the **PRACTICE** of **LOVE** (5:13c)**

*“ . . . but through love serve one another. ”*

1. As believers, we should use our liberty to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord and \_\_\_\_\_.

*\* What is a Christian “liberty”?*

*\* What are some areas of Christian liberty?*

2. The motive of all Christian conduct ought to be \_\_\_\_\_ for God and others.

*\* What kind of love is this?*

*\* How is this produced?*

#### **D. Your Liberty in Christ & the PLACE of the LAW (5:14)**

*“For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

1. The law is fulfilled (*pleroō*) by love in the sense that . . .

a) . . . it is \_\_\_\_\_. (Matt. 22:35-40)

b) . . . its essential righteous standard is \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 13:8-10)

2. Christians living under Grace actually have a \_\_\_\_\_ standard of love that the believer living under the Law. (Lev. 19:18; John 15:12-13; Eph. 5:25)

#### **E. Your Liberty in Christ & the PRODUCTS of LICENSE and LEGALISM (5:15)**

*“But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!”*

1. The word “if” in verse 15 is in the \_\_\_\_\_ class condition in the Greek, which means this was probably happening in Galatia.

2. Legalism among Christians inevitably leads to \_\_\_\_\_ and condemning one another.

*\* How does this happen?*

*\* Can this also be true of living licentiously?*

*\* Why is this so important for our church?*