

Freedom In Christ
Galatians 5:1-15
Live As If You Are Free

A. Stand Fast For Freedom (5:1-3)

- 1. A command to follow (5:1a)**
- 2. A condition to forsake (5:1b)**
- 3. A consideration to foresee (5:2)**
- 4. A commitment to failure (5:3)**

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B. Don't Fall From Grace (5:4-6)

- 1. You are going off course (5:4)**
- 2. You need a course correction (5:5-6)**
 - a. You need a guidance command (v 5a)**
 - b. You need to stay on the correction (v 5b)**
 - c. Do not get sidetracked (v 6)**

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C. Leave The Leaven (5:7-12)

- 1. The power of persuasion (5:7-9)**
 - a. Can take you out of the race**
 - b. Can make you deaf to the truth**
 - c. Can totally corrupt**
- 2. The prospect of perseverance (5:10)**
- 3. The problems of their prevarication (5:11)**

They said Paul believed as they did
- 4. The perspective of the preacher (5:12)**

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D. Hear The Call Of Liberty (5:13-15)

1. Not to be served but to serve (5:13)

Matthew 20:28

2. To live above the law (5:14)

1 John 4:16

3. To not be consumed by the lack of love (5:15)

James 1:25

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Life By The Spirit
Galatians 5:16-26

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Introduction

A. Paul urges us to live by the Spirit

B. Living by the spirit brings freedom

Romans 8:2

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

C. Freedom is not a license to sin.

Romans 8:13

For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

D. Paul lists 15 sins and the list is not all inclusive

I. The Right Way To Live (5:16-18)

Galatians 5:16-18

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

A. The way

B. The why

C. The who

II. The Wrong Way To Live (5:19-21)

Galatians 5:19-21

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

A. Sins involving sex (5:19)

B. Sins involving religion (5:20a)

C. Sins involving animosity (5:20b-21a)

D. Sins involving substance abuse (5:21b)

III. The Evidence of Life In The Spirit (5:22-26)

A. The Fruit of the Spirit (5:22-23)

Galatians 5:22-23

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,**

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

III. The Evidence of Life In The Spirit (5:22-26)

B. The Fatality of the Flesh (5:24)

Galatians 5:24

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

C. The Following of God (5:25)

Galatians 5:25

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

D. The Forsaking of Self (5:26)

Galatians 5:26

Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Romans 8:14

**For as many as are led by the Spirit of
God, they are the sons of God.**