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## What the Freedom of Grace Produces

Galatians 5  
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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week Jomaine White will be guiding us through a study of Galatians Chapter 5. In this chapter Paul starts of talking about the freedom that we have as followers of Christ. We are no longer under the Law but under grace. However, this does not mean we should indulge ourselves in the temptations of the flesh. In the second part of the chapter He clearly gives us instruction about what is evil and what is a reflection of Christ. Join us this week as we seek to understand how we can be free and at the same time walk in the Spirit displaying the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

## Follow the Spirit

**5** It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>2</sup> Look! I, Paul, tell you that if you have yourselves circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. <sup>3</sup> And I testify again to every man who has himself circumcised, that he is obligated to keep the whole Law. <sup>4</sup> You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by the Law; you have fallen from grace. <sup>5</sup> For we, through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.

<sup>7</sup> You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth? <sup>8</sup> This persuasion *did not come* from Him who calls you. <sup>9</sup> A little leaven leavens the whole lump *of dough*. <sup>10</sup> I have confidence in you in the Lord, that you will adopt no other view; but the one who is disturbing you will bear the punishment, whoever he is. <sup>11</sup> But as for me, brothers *and sisters*, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been eliminated. <sup>12</sup> I wish that those who are troubling you would even emasculate themselves.

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers *and sisters*; only *do not turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love. <sup>14</sup> For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the *statement*, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." <sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desire of the flesh is against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, in order to keep you from doing whatever you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. <sup>19</sup> Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: sexual immorality, impurity, indecent behavior, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, witchcraft, hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Now those who belong to Christ Jesus crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit as well. <sup>26</sup> Let's not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

**o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.**

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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## **🕒 Explore His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community group discussion)

### **What does God MEAN?**

1. What was the Galatian church, (all Christians), slaves to, prior to God's grace? (Gal 5:1)
2. How did the Church fall from grace? (Gal 5:4)
3. What is the righteousness believers are still hoping for? (Gal 5:5)
4. Does circumcision or uncircumcision (obeying or not obeying the law) mean anything? (Gal. 5:6)
5. What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself? (Gal. 5:14)
6. Why are you not under the law if you are in the Spirit? (Gal. 5:18)
7. What are the deeds of the flesh? (Gal 5:19-21)

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
Why does this MATTER to me?

8. What does the phrase, “those that practice” mean? (Gal. 5:21)

9. What does the Spirit produce in believers? (Gal 5:22 & 23)

10. How can you apply the chapter to how you live?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

**Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...**

*Sermon Notes*