

Galatians Study

Gospel Freedom (5:1-15)

Lesson 8: July 7, 2010

1. The thesis of Paul's last chapters is stated in 5:1. What does Paul teach in these two sentences?
2. What is Paul warning the Galatians against in verses 2-4? Is Paul saying here that the Galatians who are real Christians are going to lose their salvation (v.4)? How does v.10 shed light on v.4?
3. Why do you think Paul would say we hope for righteousness (v.5) when in 3:6 and elsewhere he says we have righteousness? How can we wait for it practically?
4. What does it mean that the gospel makes both "circumcision and uncircumcision" (religion and irreligion) both equally valueless? (v.5-6)?
5. From verses 13-15, answer the question: "Why does a Christians obey God?"

6. Compare verses 1 and 13. What two different misuses of gospel freedom does Paul spell out? What are the errors in thinking behind each misuse?

7. Summarize: In what ways are Christians free from the law and in what ways are they not?

8. Think of one area of your life where you need a lot more love than you have in order to face something or act rightly? How can Galatians 5:5,6 help you?

Putting Faith Into Action:

You're riding in the car with one of your parents and they tell you of someone who has sinned against them. Then they tell you "I might be able to forgive someday but I'll never forget." How do you counsel them with the gospel of Jesus Christ?