

## Freedom

Galatians 5:1-26

Key Verse 5:1

1. Read verse 1. What did Paul declare to the Galatians? What is the nature of the freedom Christ gives us? (Ac13:39; Ro8:2) What is the danger of going back to the law? (1b) What does it mean to "stand firm"? (1Co15:2; 2Ti2:8; Jn8:31--32)
2. If the Galatians agreed to circumcision, what did he say would result? (2--4) In what ways do people today try to make themselves righteous? Read verses 5-6. When we have faith, how does the Spirit help us? (4:6; Ro8:23--24)
3. How should we use our freedom? (6b,13b) How does this actually fulfill the spirit of the law? (14) What results from trying to observe the law? (15) Read verses 16-18. What should we do in order to continue to live in freedom? (16a) What happens when we live by the Spirit? (16b,18) What does it mean practically to live by the Spirit? (15,17c; Jn 6:63; 8:31-32; Ro 15:1-2)
4. What are the obvious acts of the sinful nature? (19--21a) How do the acts of the sinful nature affect our individual lives, religious lives, and social lives?
5. When we live by the Spirit, what fruit do we bear? (22--23a) How is the fruit of the Spirit related to our wellbeing physically and spiritually? How does bearing This fruit affect others?
6. How does this fruit reflect the character of Jesus and transcend the law? (23b) What is the mark of Christian life in regard to the flesh? (24; 2:20) What does it mean to "keep in step with" the Spirit? (25; Jn15:5)