



**NO OTHER  
GOSPEL**  
*Stand Firm in Your Freedom*



# Freed to Love, Not to Live in Licentiousness

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**GALATIANS 5:13–15**



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## **WELCOME:** Fixing Our Focus

### **Suggested icebreaker:**

Ask GG members to share examples of how a privilege or gift has been misused or abused. What was the result? Use this to segue into the lesson where Paul warned the Galatian believers from abusing the freedom they gained from Christ.

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## **WORSHIP:** Adoring Our God

### **Suggested song:**

[Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me](#)

# WORD & WALK:

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### LESSON AIM

1. GG members will not misuse their freedom in Christ to satisfy their sinful desires.
2. GG members will lovingly serve one another, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

### INTRODUCTION

Paul returned to the concept of believers being set free by Christ from the law. However, he gave some warnings about misusing that freedom and instructions on how to use that freedom rightly.

### Christ freed believers to love one another (vv. 13-15)

Paul differentiated between the misuse of a believer's freedom for self-gratification and the proper use of a believer's freedom to love others. Freedom devoid of love leads to destruction.

1. To what were believers called, according to Paul? How would you differentiate responsible freedom from freedom without any boundaries?
2. What boundaries should believers place upon their freedom? Why can believers stay within these boundaries? (cf. Romans 5:5)
3. How does the proper use of freedom to love others fulfill the law? (cf. Matthew 22:37-40; Romans 13:8) How does this fulfillment of the law differ from the one espoused by the false teachers?
4. What happens when church members misuse their freedom to indulge their sinful desires? How will it affect people inside and outside the church?

### APPLICATION

God grants us freedom, but we should exercise it within the confines of love. True "freedom" without any boundaries is equivalent to anarchy and will only lead to chaos and destruction. How can you use your freedom properly to love people both inside and outside the church?

"We are prone to go to extremes. One believer interprets *liberty* as *license* and thinks he can do whatever he wants to do. Another believer, seeing this error, goes to an opposite extreme and imposes law on everybody. Somewhere between *license* on the one hand and *legalism* on the other hand is true Christian liberty."

– Warren Wiersbe, *Be Free: Exchange Legalism for True Spirituality*

# **WORD & WALK:**

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### **PRAYER ITEM**

Father God, thank You for setting us free from slavery, both to our sinful nature and to the requirements of the law. You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, here on earth to perfectly fulfill the law in our place, and He died on the cross to pay for the penalty of our sins in our place. Thus, He freed us from both. Teach us not to misuse this freedom for self-gratification, but follow the example of Jesus Christ, who gave up His life for our benefit. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior. Amen. ■

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