

**“Liberty vs. License”**  
**Galatians 5:13-15**

Introduction

1. Final section of Galatians.
  - A. Up to this point everything has dealt with doctrine.
2. Now Paul deals with practical day-to-day living as a believer.

**Living daily in Spiritual Freedom**

1. God’s approval has been secured by our faith in Christ.
  - A. We don’t have to work for God to accept us.
2. A believer is accepted by God through the work of Jesus Christ.

**Christian liberty is not a license!**

1. It is not a pass to commit sin willing and freely.
2. In Christ we live in His freedom allowing His Spirit to guide us in free living.

**Christian liberty is being freed no to sin.**

***It means having the freedom to rise above the desires and impulses of our human nature that once drew us into sin.***

1. Ephesians 2

***Here is the foundation of living the Christian life.***

***Growing in our daily awareness of the indwelling Holy Spirit and power in our lives we run from sin.***

**We must develop a Joseph mindset.**

1. Joseph was so aware of God’s goodness in his life, even though he experienced difficulties.
  - A. When Potipher’s wife made advances to subdues him he fled.

**What Christianity is Not! Vs. 13**

1. Not a license to capitalize on selfish ambitions.

***A law that we live out that reveals this transforming power of Christ. Vs. 14***

1. Here it is – Galatians 5:14

***1 John 4:19***

***19 We love him, because he first loved us.***

**Our liberty (freedom) leads us to serve in love. Vs. 15**

1. We now live in the freedom of Christ.
  - A. How? Christ now lives in us.
  - B. It is his love that is our law & restraint. Why?

***God’s love for the world pulls us toward Him, yet often we neglect to extend that love by serving others as He calls us to do. Vs. 15***

**Application**

1. ***Develop a daily reminder that Christ lives in you.***
  - A. At salvation the resurrected Christ entered you.
  - B. I’m going to use a word here that has become unpopular
    - 1) DISCIPLINE
  - C. Christian discipline is the only way we develop living in Christ.

*John 3:30*

*30 He must increase, but I must decrease.*

2. *Live with a Joseph mindset.*
  - A. Living with an awareness of God's presence.
3. **When believers focus on Christ transformative power we are empowered to live out our faith daily and serve others selflessly.**
4. *Living in Christ is a continual process of surrender, growth, and dependence of His grace.*