

Living Word Church  
Sunday, October 22, 2023

Justified: A Study of Galatians.  
Galatians 5:1,13

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Intro: In a world full of confusion, there is one truth that you can stand on: Christ is the only One who can set you free.

I. Stand firm in Liberty (Gal 5:1).

- We chose the yoke that we wear:
  - The yoke of sin is enslaving.
  - The yoke of religion and rules is hard and difficult.
  - The yoke of Christ is easy and light.
- This Christian liberty is found in the Spirit, not in rules
- To live by God's grace means to depend on God's abundant supply for every need.
- To live by the Law means to depend on my own strength and ability apart from God.

**Question #1: Why does the “yoke of religion” seem necessary in today’s church? How has the yoke of religion affected your relationship with Christ?**

II. Do not abuse your liberty in Christ (Gal 5:13).

- There is a great tension between Liberty and License.
- License means we can do whatever you want.
- Liberty means that we fall at the Cross.

**Question #2: Talk about the tension between liberty and license and how God's grace is involved in your life.**

III. Walk in the Spirit (Gal 5:16).

- The Spirit enables us to love (vs. 14).
- The Spirit enables us to overcome the flesh (vs. 19).
- The Spirit enables us to produce fruit (vs. 22).

**Question #3: The law of Moses cannot produce fruit, so how are we led by the Spirit? What practical steps can this group come up with to help others walk in the Spirit?**

Promise of the Day

Lord, you have called me to Freedom. The freedom I have in Christ is through the cross and the work of the Spirit. As I live and walk in the Spirit, I will produce fruit that the law cannot create. I will stand firm in the freedom of Christ.