

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY GALATIANS 5:1-15

Introduction

- The cornerstone verse of Galatians is 5:1
- The whole argument is against Judiaziers. They want Gentiles to look, think, live like Jews...in order to be Christians...
- Inherent in the discussion is the possibility of losing the whole concept of life and possibility Jesus came to bring...
- **Vs. 5:1b** - yoke of slavery = the law
 1. Acts 15:10, "Now therefore why do you put God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?"
 2. Matthew 11:29 - Jesus - take my yoke
- **Vs. 2 & 3** - Circumcision, not issue here, but freedom.

Acts 16:3 - Paul circumcised Timothy – (mom ½ Jew & ½ Greek) when he brought him to this Galatian region

Circumcision = why that? Genesis 17:1-14

- **Vs. 4** - Severed from Christ - katargeo = made idle, inactive, powerless
- **Vs. 5** - Through Spirit, by faith – waiting
- **Vs. 7 & 8** - Who hindered you? = enkepto - picture of runner being cut off (in on)
- **Vs. 12** - Literally - emasculate themselves, castrate themselves.
- **Key - Verse 13**

Romans 6:1 & 2, "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?"

Take freedom away, take Holy Spirit away.

II Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

Same word as in Vs. 13 - elutheria

We're called to freedom in Holy Spirit
Freedom more than deliverance from something.
It's freedom into something - Holy Spirit

This is the theme of the rest of the letter, Vs. 16 and the rest of chapter 5

- **Vs. 13b** - "Do not turn your freedom into an Opportunity" = opportunity = aphorme - starting point or base of operations

Definite form to this freedom

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Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me."

- **Vs. 13c** - Through love serve one another
Become willing, voluntary, free slaves - doulus
- **Vs. 14** - All law summed up - Leviticus 19:18, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

