
Study 9

Galatians 5:13-26 | Free to fight

Get Talking

1. Recap what we've learnt so far about freedom in Galatians. How does God's view of freedom differ from the world's view of freedom?

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2. What is the potential danger in being set free from the law (v13)? Why is this a danger?
3. We've seen that Christians are "not under law" (see e.g. v18). But in v14, Paul says that we should aim to the "fulfil" the law. How do you make sense of this apparent contradiction?
4. What clues are there in this passage that the Galatians are experiencing relational problems? Do you think there is a connection with their misunderstanding of the gospel?
5. What conflict does Paul say is at work in every believer? Why is it there?
6. What are the "acts of the flesh" (v19-21)? What different groups of sins does he mention here? What do you notice about them?

7. V21 literally says that “those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God”. Does that mean that none of us will make it?
8. Which acts of the flesh do we tend to tolerate the most? Why is that?
9. Paul talks about “acts” of the flesh, but “fruit” of the Spirit. Why is the different language significant?
10. Many Christians today speak about dramatic evidences of the Holy Spirit at work in their churches or their lives. According to v16, what is the most dramatic evidence of the Holy Spirit?
11. What does the word “fruit” imply about the work of the Spirit in our lives?
12. Which aspect of the fruit of the Spirit do you find most challenging to cultivate in your life and why?
13. How, according to v24-25, do we become more fruitful? What might this look like in practical terms?