

Free to do right, not wrong

Galatians 5:1-6; 13-15

- I. Christ set us free from man-made rules of righteousness so that the Spirit could produce true righteousness (Galatians 5:1-6)
 - A. Don't be enslaved to rules – and leave the principle of God's grace that saved you (5:1-4).
 - B. Expect the Holy Spirit to produce true righteousness (5:5; 16; Romans 8:12-15)
 - Positional righteousness – We will eventually in glory be perfectly righteous – Justified.
 - Progressive righteousness – We can be increasingly delivered from the power of sin through the Holy Spirit
 - C. Keeping rules doesn't matter; real righteousness from God that produces love does (5:6).
- II. We will be tempted to use our freedom from rules to indulge the sinful nature (Galatians 5:13-15).
 - A. We can misuse our freedom to indulge our sinful nature (5:13)
 - Examples of indulging the flesh (sinful nature): Sexual immorality, occult practices, jealousy, rage, self-significance, strife in relationships, envy, addictions, wild parties (Galatians 5:19-21).
 - B. We must rather use our freedom to serve one in love – lest we destroy each other (5:14-15).
 - See the "fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-24)