

TIP Sheet (Take It Personal)

Use the below questions to aid you in making personal application of your study in the Word.

Christ Has Set Us Free

Galatians 5:1-15

In 5:1, Paul reintroduces the idea of Christian freedom, which he mentioned earlier in Galatians 2:4. The concept of Christian "freedom" is easy to misunderstand. Paul says we are free from the "supervision" of the law (3:25) and no longer "under" the law (5:18). But does that mean we are free to disobey or disregard it? If not, of what does this freedom consist? Paul answers this question indirectly in 5:2-6 and directly in 5:13-15.

1. In verse one of chapter, 5 Paul summarizes the first four chapters of the book of Galatians. What does Paul teach in these two sentences?
2. What is Paul warning the Galatians against in verses 5:2-4? Is Paul saying that the Galatians who are real Christians are going to lose their salvation (v.4)? How does verse 10 shed light on verse 4?
3. Why do you think Paul would say we wait for the hope of righteousness (v. 5) when in 3:6 and elsewhere he says we have righteousness? How can we wait for it practically?

4. Paul says in verse 7 "*You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?*" What are three things that hinder you from obeying the truth? (cf. Hebrews 12:1)
5. Compare verses 1 and 13. What two different misuses of gospel freedom does Paul spell out? What are the errors in thinking behind each misuse?

V. 1 Lapse into _____

v. 13 Lapse into _____
6. From verse 13-15 answer the question: "why does a Christian obey God?"
7. What is one area of your life where you need a lot more love in order to face something or to act rightly?