

A Study of the Epistles of Paul

NT Survey Lesson 108--Galatians 5

Introduction: In chapter five Paul applies his message to the Galatians. He urges them to stand in the liberty of the gospel and warns of the consequences of returning to the Law as a means of justification. However, being under grace does not lead to a life of sin; but rather a life of loving service. Those who live by the Spirit should walk by the Spirit, letting Him produce His fruit in their lives.

Lesson aim: To show that a Christian responds to the liberty of God's grace by a life of love and righteousness.

Paul exhorts the Galatians to remain in the liberty of the gospel--Gal. 5:1-12

1. For what did Christ set the Christian free? (v. 1) What then did Paul exhort the Galatians to do? What is the "yoke of slavery" about which Paul is talking?
2. If one keeps circumcision as a means of justification by law, what is his relation to Christ? (v. 2) What else is he obligated to do? (v. 3)
3. When one seeks justification by law from whom is he severed? (v. 4) From what does one fall?
4. For what do Christians wait? (v. 5) By what does this waiting take place?
5. In Christ, what did Paul say does not matter? (v. 6) What does matter is " _____ working through _____".
6. How had the Galatians been living in the past? (v. 7) But now what had happened? Did God lead them to this kind of life? (v. 8)
7. What warning did Paul give in v. 9? What does it mean?
8. Did Paul expect the Galatians to correct their mistaken views? (v. 10) What did he say would happen to those who had led them astray?

9. How did Paul answer the Jewish charge that Paul himself preached circumcision? (v. 11) If such was the case, then the cross would no longer be what to the Jew? What did Paul wish those who troubled the Galatians would do? (v. 12)

Paul discusses the effects of Christ's liberation--Gal. 5:13-26

1. To what were the Galatians called? (v. 13) Was this a freedom to live in a fleshly way? What did Paul urge them to do?
2. When the Galatians walked in love what would they be fulfilling? (v. 14)
3. What did Paul warn would happen if they were to bite and devour one another? (v. 15)
4. Should Christians walk by the spirit (or Spirit) or by the flesh? (v. 16) Can one do both? (v. 17)
5. If one is walking by the spirit (or Spirit) is that person under the Law? (v. 18)
6. Make a list of and define each of the works of the flesh (v. 19-21). What does Paul say about those who practice these and things like them?
7. Make a list of and define the fruit of the spirit (or Spirit) (v. 22-23). What does Paul say about these things?
8. If we belong to Christ, what have we done with the flesh? (v. 24) If we live by the spirit (or Spirit), we should what? (v. 25)
9. What should Christians not be doing? (v. 26)