

Galatians 5 - Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

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13 **FOR YOU WERE CALLED TO FREEDOM**, brethren; **ONLY DO NOT TURN YOUR FREEDOM INTO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FLESH, BUT THROUGH LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER.**

14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

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Freedom from the Law is two-fold:

1. Freedom from the self-righteousness of performance and following rules through self-discipline.
2. Freedom from the vicarious religion of man dominating our faith (prophet and priest). We now have a personal and unique relationship with God directly through Jesus Christ.

But our flesh can easily distort those freedoms:

1. It doesn't matter what I choose to do - I don't live by rules.
2. I don't need any man; I have my own relationship with God. I am not responsible for, nor do I answer to, any man.

Christians in today's American Church have adopted the surrounding culture of this world system. They come to church to be served, instead of to serve, to be entertained, instead of to worship. They demand to be self-sufficient, independent and autonomous. Advancement and personal gain are valued instead of commitment and service. The result is that Christians individually and the Church corporately are weak, sickly and prey for every false doctrine and demonic attraction disguised in religiosity.

Romans 12:1-13 NASB

1 **THEREFORE I URGE YOU**, BRETHREN, **BY THE MERCIES OF GOD, TO PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING AND HOLY SACRIFICE, ACCEPTABLE TO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR SPIRITUAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP.**

2 **AND DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, SO THAT YOU MAY PROVE WHAT THE WILL OF GOD IS, THAT WHICH IS GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT.**

3 **FOR THROUGH THE GRACE GIVEN TO ME I SAY TO EVERYONE AMONG YOU NOT TO THINK MORE HIGHLY OF HIMSELF THAN HE OUGHT TO THINK; BUT TO THINK SO AS TO HAVE SOUND JUDGMENT, AS GOD HAS ALLOTTED TO EACH A MEASURE OF FAITH.**

4 **FOR JUST AS WE HAVE MANY MEMBERS IN ONE BODY AND ALL THE MEMBERS DO NOT HAVE THE SAME FUNCTION,**

5 **SO WE, WHO ARE MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST, AND INDIVIDUALLY MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER.**

6 **SINCE WE HAVE GIFTS THAT DIFFER ACCORDING TO THE GRACE GIVEN TO US, EACH OF US IS TO EXERCISE THEM ACCORDINGLY:** if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;

7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching;

8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

9 **LET LOVE BE WITHOUT HYPOCRISY. ABHOR WHAT IS EVIL; CLING TO WHAT IS GOOD.**

10 **BE DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER IN BROTHERLY LOVE; GIVE PREFERENCE TO ONE ANOTHER IN HONOR;**

11 **NOT LAGGING BEHIND IN DILIGENCE, FERVENT IN SPIRIT, SERVING THE LORD;**

12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,
13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

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Matthew 7:12 NASB

"IN EVERYTHING, THEREFORE, TREAT PEOPLE THE SAME WAY YOU WANT THEM TO TREAT YOU, FOR THIS IS THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS."

Matthew 22:35-40 NASB

35 One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him,

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

37 And He said to him, " **'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'**

38 "This is the great and foremost commandment."

39 "The second is like it, '**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**'"

40 "**ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS DEPEND THE WHOLE LAW AND THE PROPHETS.**"

Romans 13:8-10 NASB

8 **OWE NOTHING TO ANYONE EXCEPT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER; FOR HE WHO LOVES HIS NEIGHBOR HAS FULFILLED THE LAW.**

9 For this, "you shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not covet," and **IF THERE IS ANY OTHER COMMANDMENT, IT IS SUMMED UP IN THIS SAYING, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."**

10 **LOVE DOES NO WRONG TO A NEIGHBOR; THEREFORE LOVE IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW.**

Philippians 2:1-8 NASB

1 **THEREFORE IF THERE IS ANY ENCOURAGEMENT IN CHRIST, IF THERE IS ANY CONSOLATION OF LOVE, IF THERE IS ANY FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT, IF ANY AFFECTION AND COMPASSION,**

2 **MAKE MY JOY COMPLETE BY BEING OF THE SAME MIND, MAINTAINING THE SAME LOVE, UNITED IN SPIRIT, INTENT ON ONE PURPOSE.**

3 **DO NOTHING FROM SELFISHNESS OR EMPTY CONCEIT, BUT WITH HUMILITY OF MIND REGARD ONE ANOTHER AS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOURSELVES;**

4 **DO NOT MERELY LOOK OUT FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL INTERESTS, BUT ALSO FOR THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS.**

5 **HAVE THIS ATTITUDE IN YOURSELVES WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS,**

6 **WHO, ALTHOUGH HE EXISTED IN THE FORM OF GOD, DID NOT REGARD EQUALITY WITH GOD A THING TO BE GRASPED,**

7 **BUT EMPTIED HIMSELF, TAKING THE FORM OF A BOND-SERVANT, AND BEING MADE IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN.**

8 **BEING FOUND IN APPEARANCE AS A MAN, HE HUMBLING HIMSELF BY BECOMING OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH, EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS.**

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Psalm 52:2 NASB

"YOUR TONGUE DEVICES DESTRUCTION, LIKE A SHARP RAZOR, O worker of deceit."

Psalm 140:1-3 NASB

1 For the choir director. A Psalm of David. Rescue me, O LORD, from evil men; preserve me from violent men

2 **WHO DEVISE EVIL THINGS IN THEIR HEARTS; THEY CONTINUALLY STIR UP WARS.**

3 **THEY SHARPEN THEIR TONGUES AS A SERPENT; POISON OF A VIPER IS UNDER THEIR LIPS.** Selah.

James 3:6 NASB

"AND THE TONGUE IS A FIRE, THE VERY WORLD OF INIQUITY; THE TONGUE IS SET AMONG OUR MEMBERS AS THAT WHICH DEFILES THE ENTIRE BODY, AND SETS ON FIRE THE COURSE OF OUR LIFE, AND IS SET ON FIRE BY HELL."

Ephesians 4:29-32 NASB

29 **LET NO UNWHOLESOME WORD PROCEED FROM YOUR MOUTH, BUT ONLY SUCH A WORD AS IS GOOD FOR EDIFICATION ACCORDING TO THE NEED OF THE MOMENT, SO THAT IT WILL GIVE GRACE TO THOSE WHO HEAR.**

30 **DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, BY WHOM YOU WERE SEALED FOR THE DAY OF REDEMPTION.**

31 **LET ALL BITTERNESS AND WRATH AND ANGER AND CLAMOR AND SLANDER BE PUT AWAY FROM YOU, ALONG WITH ALL MALICE.**

32 **BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER, TENDER-HEARTED, FORGIVING EACH OTHER, JUST AS GOD IN CHRIST ALSO HAS FORGIVEN YOU.**