

## Called to Freedom

*(The everyday, Extraordinary Gospel- Part 11)*

March 13, 2022

PASSAGE: Galatians 5.1-6, 13-18

### Galatians 5

1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

2 Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. 3 I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law.

4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. 5 For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

### Keep in Step with the Spirit

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

## Life Group Questions for the Week of March 13, 2022

1. Share something that struck you from the sermon.
2. What is the modern western concept of freedom? How did freedom get defined in the message? Which do you agree with and why?
3. Why does God care about having free people?
4. What is a modern day example of "accepting circumcision"? How does following religious rules, and trusting in them for justification crop up in our everyday lives?
5. What is biblical "hope"? How is that different than how "hope" is used in modern English? How does biblical hope make you feel?
6. How can we use our freedom to serve one another?
7. What does it mean to "walk by the Spirit"? What does that look like? How can you walk in the Spirit more this week?
8. Why are the desires of the flesh and the Spirit opposed to one another?
9. Why does being led by the Spirit free someone from the law?
10. How can you live the truths of this passage out this week? Who can you share this with and help them grow as a follower of Jesus?