

**Galatians: Faith and Freedom**  
**Stand Firm in Freedom and Show it by Love!**  
**Galatians 5:1-15 (page 812)**

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I must understand that

- **The Christian life is a life of freedom**  
(Gal 5:1; Phil 1:27; 4:1; 1 Thess 3:8)
  
- **This freedom must be carefully valued and guarded** (Gal 5:2-6)  
The *consequences* of losing our freedom include:
  - Christ becomes useless to us (v 2)
  - we become enslaved again to the law  
(v 3; Jam 2:10)
  - we become alienated from Christ and abandon  
the way of grace. (v 4-6; 2:21; Eph 2:10; Jam 2:14-18)
  
- **There are those who threaten my freedom** (Gal 5:7-12)
  - They hinder the progress of our obedience  
(vs 5-8; 1 Cor 9:24-26)
  - Their influence and false message contaminates  
many (vs 9-10; Luke 13:21; Matt 16:6,11; 2 Peter 2:17-19)
  - They want to avoid the offense of the cross  
(v 11-12; 1 Cor 1:23)

- **This freedom must not be misinterpreted** (5:13-15)
  - our freedom in Christ should lead us to loving service (vs 13–14; 1 Cor 8:9; Rom 14:14-18; 6:22-23)
  - our freedom in Christ should lead us to avoid selfishly harming others (v 15; Romans 14:8-10)

***Making it stick...***

What is the difference between a believer's position and a  
believer's practice? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you been misled in the past by false teaching? How can you  
keep that from happening again? \_\_\_\_\_  
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By his emphasis on our freedom in Christ, is the apostle Paul  
giving Christians a license to sin – to do anything they want to?  
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How is Christian freedom different from unlimited human freedom?  
In light of this how can you stand firm in Christian freedom  
practically? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you seen Christian freedom abused? How? \_\_\_\_\_  
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How does this section of Scripture challenge you to be a better  
follower of Jesus? What do you believe God is asking you to  
focus on in your life? \_\_\_\_\_  
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