

**FREEDOM TO SERVE**  
**GALATIANS 5:13-26**  
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I. Freedom to love one another (Gal 5:13-15)

- A. Our freedom is not a license to sin. (1 Peter 2:16, 17)  
Our freedom is expressed in serving one another. Verse 15 shows that spirituality/liberty is not expressed in stoic isolation but in interacting and serving with other believers. (Rom. 14:19)
- B. It is easy to be a “good” Christian, if you avoid being around people.
- C. This expression in verse 15 is the same way of describing a pack of wild animals attacking each other.

II. Freedom to walk in liberty. (5:16-18, 24-26)

- A. Walk by the power of the same Spirit that saved you. Notice “you will not carry out the desire of the flesh” not “you will no longer have the desire of the flesh”.
- B. The battle whose equality you alone determine “may not do the things you please”. Either the Spirit or the fleshly desire will be unsatisfied.  
Verse 18 shows the motivation to serve.
- C. Verse 24 reminds us of the choice we made regarding the flesh at salvation – it is crucified! In walking by the Spirit, let’s not slip into external judgment of people.

III. The fruit of the Spirit (19-23)

- A. The flesh – the deeds of the flesh are obvious. Paul reminds us that those who habitually do these things are not believers. Judge by the obvious.
- B. The fruit of the Spirit is not obvious. Why? Because only God can accomplish these things through His people.

Conclusion: Walking in the Spirit is a positive approach to the day.