

Emancipation Essentials

Text: Galatians 5

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Key Verse:

"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." -Galatians 5:1 (ESV)

- Formational Freedom (v. 1-6)
 - In Christ, we have been made free. It is not earned, it is freely given.
 - Paul makes it clear that maintaining legalistic practices is counterproductive upon the receipt of freedom in Christ Jesus.
 - i.e. Circumcision
 - It doesn't matter where you land on issues, if you don't have love.
 - Love matters!

- Fulfilling Freedom (v. 7-17)
 - You started out so well, what happened?
 - Presence of outside influencers...
 - A little yeast can impact an entire loaf of bread.

- Functional Freedom (v. 18-26)
 - The flesh and the Spirit are two completely opposite directions.
 - They cannot be following simultaneously. Pick one!
 - Walk in the Spirit!
 - Acts of the Flesh v. Fruit of the Spirit
 - Those who practice former shall not inherit the kingdom of God.