

Galatians 5:5-12 **Purge the Leaven**

1. Christ has made us free • Galatians 5:1-4

- a. Bondage: Law, sin, death (Rom 8:2, 1 Cor 15:56)
- b. **Law: weak and beggarly, only able to serve sin, death (profits nothing)**
- c. **Liberty: strength and riches, service to God, life (Christ profits much)**
- d. Key topics being carried over: righteousness by faith, responsibility as sons.
- e. Freedom, liberty, strength, life in Christ → Now apply, stand fast, run well (Gal 5:1)
- f. "Fallen"; decreased, ruined ("shipwrecked") (1 Tim 1:19)

2. Through the Spirit • Galatians 5:5-6

- a. How did we receive the Spirit? (by faith) How did we receive righteousness? (by faith) (Gal 3)
- b. Hope, assurance: resurrection, eternal life, new bodies (Rom 8:21-25, Titus 3:5-7)
- c. We wait for these things. The Spirit helps (Rom 8:26)
- d. Does this hope come from the law? Circumcision? Uncircumcision? No. (Gal 6:15)
 - i. A new creature, one new man. (Eph 2:14-15)
 - ii. Christ in you the hope of glory. (Col 1:27)
- e. Faith works by love! Grace changes the heart/gives new purpose. (Gal 2:20, 2 Cor 9:7, Col 2:6)
- f. Grace removes sin, allowing service to God.

3. Running well • Galatians 5:7-12

- a. We all have a course to run. A man in a race ought to strive for mastery. (1 Cor 9:24)
- b. Paul patterned a course being ran: Acts 20:24, Phil 3:14, 2 Tim 4:7
- c. The Galatians have exited the race, they need to repent (change their mind!) and acknowledge the truth.
- d. Him that calleth you - God did not communicate what why are now believing.
- e. We must know the commandments and will of God for today. (Titus 1:3, 1 Thess 4:3-5)
- f. A little leaven (error, false teaching, bad doctrine) leavens the whole lump.
- g. Bad doctrine must be purged. (1 Cor 5:6-7, 9, 1 Tim 1:3)
- h. Paul anticipates the Galatians will heed his epistle. (2 Tim 2:25)
- i. We will all stand in judgement. (2 Cor 5:10)
- j. If Paul went along with the error there wouldn't be persecution.
- k. Separation is part of defending the gospel. (Rom 16:17, Titus 3:9-11)
- l. To run well we must stand for truth. (Col 1:9-10, Eph 6:14)