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**Galatians 5:13-15**

## **“Freed to Serve”**

### **I. We are called to liberty. (v. 13a)**

13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; ...

- **Galatians 5:13 NKJV**

4 And [this occurred] because of false brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage),

- **Galatians 2:4 NKJV**

26 but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. ...

31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free. - **Galatians 4:26, 31 NKJV**

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

- **Galatians 5:1**

### **II. Use your liberty to love others. (vv. 13b-14)**

13 ... only do not [use] liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, [even] in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." -

**Galatians 5:13-14 NKJV**

27 So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' "

- **Luke 10:27 NKJV**

45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." - **Mark 10:45 NKJV**

16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down [our] lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. - **1 John 3:16-18 NKJV**

40 "If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have [your] cloak also. 41 "And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. 42 "Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away. 43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

- **Matthew 5:40-45 NKJV**

### **III. License and legalism lead to destruction. (v. 15)**

15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another! - **Galatians 5:15 NKJV**

### **Truths to Take with Us.**

- **The question is not "How far can I go?", but "How close can I get?"**
- **Use your freedom to fulfill the law of love.**
- **Beware of both legalism or license.**