

“Set Free To Love
Galatians 5
Sermon Series: True Love In An Unloving World

Introduction: We know that we ought to treat others with love. However, we often fail to do that. Why? Why is showing love to others so challenging? Why do we sometimes treat the ones we “love” the most in the worst way? How can we overcome this struggle and actually love those closest to us and even those farthest from us who do not treat us well? Let’s learn and apply Scripture today so that God’s love flows through us to others.

Since we are jumping into Galatians at chapter 5, verse 1, which is in the practical application section, here is an overview of Galatians to give us some context.

Main Theme: Justification through grace alone by faith in Christ alone (2:16): The Judaizers were teaching that salvation was through Jesus AND keeping the Mosaic Law, particularly circumcision. **Paul was teaching that salvation is in Christ alone, by grace alone, through faith alone, for the glory of God alone, according to Scripture alone.** The difference between Paul and the Judaizers was the words plus and alone. **There is only one gospel, and it is Jesus alone and not Jesus plus.**

Outline: A. Personal: Paul defends his apostolic authority (ch. 1-2)
Doctrinal: Paul defends the doctrine of justification through faith in Christ alone (ch. 3-4)
Practical: Paul explains how to live the Christian life of liberty in the power of the Spirit (ch. 5-6)

Key Connections: Gospel-grace-faith-freedom-Spirit-godly fruit-loving others
Religion-law-works-bondage-flesh-unrighteous deeds-self

Main Idea: We are set free by Jesus to love others.

1. This love is outwardly expressed by serving others (v. 13-14).

Luke 10:25-37

2. This love is inwardly produced by being transformed through:

A. Salvation by the Son experienced by grace alone through faith alone (v. 6, 1:3-4, 2:20, 3:10-14)

B. Sanctification by the Spirit experienced through living under the control of the Spirit (v. 16-26).

Conclusion: A failure to love then is a failure to live in the freedom Christ purchased for us on the cross. However, the root of this failure to love is a failure to not live out of the gospel or not walking in the Spirit. Are you trusting Jesus alone for your salvation? Are you relying on Him alone for your spiritual growth? Are you filled with and living under the control of the Holy Spirit?