



LIVING FREE!

Msg. 9: The Defense Of Grace!

Galatians 5:1-15

I. Introduction: Freedom Is Worth Fighting For!

II. The **Defense** Of Freedom:

A. We must _____ for our freedom! Vs 1-4

1. Verse 1: “For freedom Christ has set us free, stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” (ESV); I Corinthians 16:13
2. Verses 2-4: The paradox of our effort:
 - a. If we try to live for Christ within our own strength, if we try to live for Christ through the law (any set of rules and regulations) – we will fail miserably and be bound by guilt and condemnation.
 - b. If we do not contend for our freedom by “_____ to Grace” we will fail miserably and be bound by guilt and condemnation.
 - c. The first is “self effort” – the latter is God’s Grace working in me. I Corinthians 15:10

B. We must _____ our freedom: Vs 5-6

1. Verse 5: Our freedom is past, present, and future.
 - a. Past: We _____ made righteous in Christ Jesus through His death and resurrection (Justification) II Corinthians 5:21
 - b. Present: We are _____ righteous (like Christ) as we walk with Him, following after the Holy Spirit: (Sanctification) II Corinthians 3:17-18; Philippians 2:12-16
 - c. Future: We _____ like Christ, in fullness, when we are ushered into His presence, and at the Day of Redemption: (Redemption) I John 3:1-3; I Corinthians 15:50-57; Titus 2:11-14

2. Verse 6: The “Bottom Line” of Grace – Our freedom is not expressed or realized through the externals of life, but only through faith, and true faith is known only by _____! James 2:26; I Corinthians 13:1-3; John 13:34-35

C. We must _____ our freedom: Vs 7-12

1. Paul again uses the analogy of a race. In order to win a race one must: I Corinthians 9:24-27
 - a. Run with _____.
 - b. Run with _____ - _____.
 - c. Run with _____.
2. In consecrating our freedom we must realize that _____ of self-effort with Grace will produce death. All teachers of death will be judged!

D. We must _____ our freedom: Vs 13-15

1. Freedom is not defined, is not confessed, by what we can do – **but by what we _____ to do!**
 - a. I Corinthians 10:23: “We are free to do all things, but there are things which it is not wise to do. We are free to do all things, but not all things are for the common good.” (BBE)
 - b. Romans 14:21: “It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.”
2. The true confession of freedom is found in **love**. True freedom moves us from selfishness to _____, from complacency to _____.
3. I John 4:20: “If someone says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?”