



Introduction

Christ has freed his followers from the law, so use the freedom wisely.



Questions

1. What are the problems of desiring to be justified by the law?
2. How does Paul say we should use our freedom?
3. What are the advantages of walking by the spirit?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 6** Paul encourages the believers to hold onto the freedom from the law brought through being in Christ
- **v 7 to 12** Paul is concerned that the influence of those who want to keep the law will spread through the congregations in Galatia
- **v 13 to 15** Believers must use their freedom from law to love one another (see theme) rather than hurting each other by their selfishness
- **v 16 to 18** There is a conflict going on in believers between their natural inclinations (the flesh) and what God would have them do (the spirit)
- **v 19 to 26** Paul gives examples of works of the flesh to avoid and qualities of the spirit to develop

Timeline AD 60 (see below)



Theme

Love should be central in our lives

A selection of verses showing how this theme runs consistently through the Bible.

God tells the Israelites that they should show love to all including those from other nations:

Leviticus 19 verses 18 and 34

God tells the Israelites to love him:

Deuteronomy 6 verse 5

The book of Proverbs gives a practical reason for showing love:

Proverbs 10 verse 12

Several New Testament letters encourage us to show love in our lives:

1 Thessalonians 3 verse 12

1 Timothy 1 verse 5

1 Peter 4 verse 8

The apostle John tells us the importance of showing love in our lives:

1 John 4 verses 7 and 11



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 4, Q 2: v 13, Q 3: v 16 and 17

Bible timeline

