A Study of Galatians

*Lesson 8: Gal 5:1-15 –* Faith Working Through Love

1. **Stand Fast in Liberty – 5:1-6**

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***5:1*** Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.   ***2*** Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.   ***3*** And I testify again to every man who becomes cir-cumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law.   ***4***You have become es-tranged from Christ, you who [attempt to] be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.   ***5***For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteous-ness by faith.   ***6*** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.   ***7*** You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?   ***8*** This persuasion does not [come] from Him who calls you.   ***9***A little leaven leavens the whole lump.   ***10***I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is.   ***11*** And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased.   ***12*** I could wish that those who trouble you would even cut themselves off!   ***13*** For you, breth-ren, have been called to liberty; only do not [use] liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one anoth-er.   ***14***For all the law is fulfilled in one word, [even] in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."   ***15*** But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

1. The Appeal, avoid the Yoke of Bondage
   1. Gal: 4:21-31
   2. Gal 3:10 – The Curse
   3. Acts 15:10 - Yoke
2. The Consequence
   1. Debtor
   2. Estranged
3. Hope of Righteousness
   1. Through the Spirit?
   2. Working through Love?
4. **Warning to beware of the influence of false teachers** **5:7-12**
5. *“You ran well …”* – 5:7
6. *“I have confidence in you …”* – 5:10.
7. *“little Leaven*…”
8. *“Cut themselves off…” -* 5:12
   1. Deu 23:1
   2. Offense of the Cross – Stumbling Block
9. **Obligations of Liberty – 5:13-15**
10. Rom 6:15
11. Mat 22:37
12. Devour