“You Shall Love ... Walk By the Spirit”

Intro: As we’ve learned, legalism and _____________ are two powerful enemies that war against Christian Liberty. Though they themselves stand at opposite ends conflicting each other yet are they equally _____________ in their _____________ of true Spiritual Freedom.

A. As we studied last Lord’s Day, in one verse of Scripture (verse 13 of chapter 5), Paul _____________ ___________ false concepts.

1. In saying, “For you were called to freedom, brethren” he denounced _____________, declaring that the believer is not enslaved to the Law of sin and death, whereby he must obey the Law so as to _____________ salvation.

2. Then, in saying, “only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh” Paul also denounced the notion of _____________. While some would accuse of him of granting license by preaching the Gospel of Grace (making him out to be an antinomian), others would sinfully capitalize upon his Freedom Preaching seizing it as the opportunity to freely participate in _____________ behavior.

B. Then, having denounced both legalism and license, he began to teach how Christian freedom is to be joyfully expressed in the life of the believer saying, “but through ___________ ____________ one _____________.

C. As we continue our verse by verse study through Galatians, here Paul reveals the significance of our serving one another through love and warns what will happen if we don’t. He then follows by addressing the _____________ that all believers encounter as they strive to exercise their freedom in loving service, and how the _____________ is obtained through the Holy _____________.

I. Paul expressed the ____________ of our serving one another through love.

A. By serving one another in love we do freely (not as under burden) _____________ the entirety of the Law which is summed up in this statement: “You shall _________ your neighbor as yourself.”

B. It is either or. Either _____________ one another in love thus, fulfilling the Law, ____ _____________ each other committing spiritual cannibalism.
II. As one walks by the _____________ they will _______ carry out the desire of the ____________.

A. One cannot simultaneously walk by the _____________ and carry out the desire of the flesh! It is by the _____________ of the indwelling Spirit, who is Holy, that we are enabled to rightly ______________ our freedom just as Christ has called us, despite our negative feelings and the temptations we face.

B. MacArthur writes, “The _____________ for Christian living is entirely from the Holy Spirit, just as the _____________ of salvation is entirely in Jesus Christ. But both in the justifying work of Christ and in the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, man’s will is active and _________________ is called for.”

1. Even as strong as the desire of the flesh may be, those believers who actively _________ ____ the guidance, wisdom and power of the indwelling _____________ ________ of God will not do what the sin-filled desire of the flesh bids them do.

C. Whereas before Christ we did not concern ourselves with holiness nor did we regard the law of God, now we are involved in _____________ _____________ as the flesh wars against the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit wars against our flesh.

1. So the _______ is on and my heart and mind is the battlefield!
   Oh the Spirit is willing, but my flesh is so terribly _________! How shall I stand? Here is the way: I will walk by the _____________ who indwells me, and _________________ me.

D. _____________ dear family, rejoice! Though that battle between your flesh and the Holy Spirit who indwells you rages on, remember, as the _____________ wages war against your flesh, _____________ you to “through love serve one another”, so then are you assured that you are free from the burden of the Law, free from the condemnation of the Law, and free then to _____________ the Royal Law by “through love serving one to another”.

Finally then: So I say, _____________ by the Spirit who leads you and you will not fulfill the ungodly desires of the flesh but you will, as you are lead to through _________ serve one another, _____________ the whole of the Royal Law!

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