



## True Faith and False Religion

Galatians 5:1-12

- 1) The gospel is preached by the Christian faithful (1:11–2:21)
- 2) Salvation is by God's grace, through faith alone (3:1–4:31)
- 3) By virtue of our faith in Christ, Christians are free (5:1-12)
  - a) Freedom in Christ demands that we stand firm in the faith
    - i) Declining to add to Christ's finished work (2)
    - ii) Swearing off all legalism as slavery to sin (3)
    - iii) Continuing in grace, not law (4; cf. Acts 13:43)
    - iv) Living peacefully in the Spirit, by faith, waiting for Christ (5)
    - v) Working out our faith in love (6)
  - b) False teachers attempt to remove our freedom (7-10)
    - i) They hinder our walk; must be identified (7)
    - ii) They call us to law & rituals (8)
    - iii) They are subtle, rarely bombastic (9)
    - iv) They will be judged harshly (10)
- 4) Questions
  - a) Do you value your freedom in Christ?
  - b) Do you resist others attempting to steal your freedom?
  - c) Are you accepting of the freedoms of other Christians?