

GALATIANS
Christian Freedom
Galatians 5:13-15

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1. The Christian life begins with our response to a powerful life-changing _____ to salvation from God.

- a. God calls people who are spiritually _____ to turn from their sin and put their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- b. It is by this powerful call from God that people are _____ to see their sin and commit themselves to Jesus Christ.

Q. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, to convince us of our sin and misery, to enlighten our minds in the knowledge of Christ, to renew our wills, and thus persuade and enable us to _____ Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel. - The Baptist Catechism

2. The call to salvation is a call to _____.

"In brief, it is freedom from the awful bondage of having to _____ the favor of God; it is not freedom from all controls." - John Stott

- a. Christians are free from the enslaving power of _____, therefore we must refrain from indulging the flesh with its sinful desires.

"Though regenerate persons are not in the flesh, and don't live after it, yet that is in them, and there is a proneness in them to sin; and _____ is watching all opportunities and advantages against them; so that there is need for such a caution as this, that they do not misuse their Christian liberty by indulging the flesh and the lusts of it." - John Gill

- b. Christians are free to love and _____ one another, therefore we must refrain from treating each other in harmful and destructive ways.

*"Christian liberty is _____ not selfishness."
- John Stott*

- c. Christians are free from following God's _____ as the means of earning God's acceptance, but it is God's law that defines for us how we must glorify God in our lives.

"The law cannot justify us because it declares that we are not righteous. But once God has declared us righteous in Christ, the law helps to sanctify us by showing us how to be _____." - Philip Ryken