

INTRODUCTION: AN ARROW TO THE HEART (see Heb.4:12)

I. FLETCHING: BACKGROUND CONTEXT (Gal.1,2; Acts 13-15)

A. THE CHURCHES OF GALATIA (1:2; see Acts 13,14; 16)

B. THE CONTROVERSY OVER GENTILES (2:3,12; see Acts 1:8; c.8; 10,11; 15:1,5,24)

C. THE YOKE OF THE LAW (5:1; 2:4; see Acts 15:10; see Gal.3:23,25; 4:2,3)

II. SHAFT: FOREGROUND TEXT (Galatians)

A. TRUTH BRINGS FREEDOM (2:4; see Jn.8:31f)

B. THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL: SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS (2:5,14; 16; 3:2,3; see Rom.3:20f; Eph.2:5f)

C. THE FREEDOM OF THE GOSPEL: DEAD TO THE LAW & ALIVE IN CHRIST
(2:19,20; 4:3/5; see Rom.7:4f)

1. *died to the Law as something to be fulfilled, accomplished* (2:3,4,15; 5:2; see Phil.3:1f/7f; note: Ex.20:1f,24f; Rom.3:19f; 10:3a)

2. *redeemed from the Law as something to help children* (3:23-4:3/4f; see Dt.14:1-21)

3. *alive to Law as something to be enjoyed, applied* (4:5,6; 5:23,22 & 16f,19,20)

III. POINT: USEFUL MEANING (Galatians)

A. GUARD THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL & YOUR FREEDOM IN IT (2:4,5; 14f; 3:1f; 5:1f; see Col.2:20-23; Hebrews)

B. USE YOUR FREEDOM TO SERVE OTHERS, NOT INDULGE YOURSELF (5:1f; 6:1f; see 1Cor.9:19f; 10:29,24,33)

1. **First do no harm** (5:15,19f,26; 6:8; see Rom.15:13f,19; 1Cor.8:9)

2. **Then do some good** (5:13,14,16,22; 6:1f,9,10 /Rom.15:1f; 1Cor.9:19-23 /Jn15:12; Mk10:45; Phil2:1f)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)