

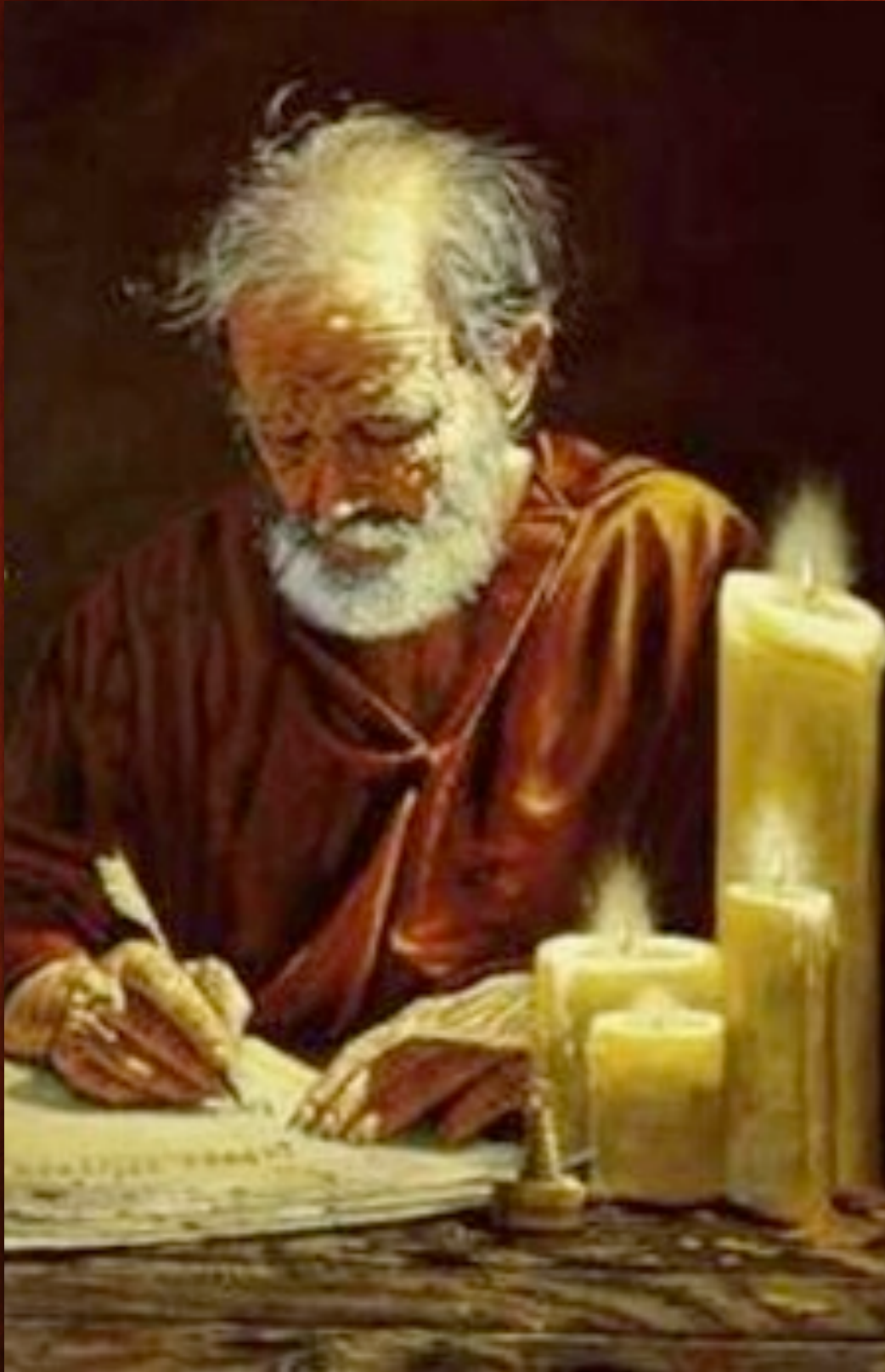


The
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GALATIANS

“The Sin of Hindering Others!”

Galatians 5:7–15

The Sin of Hindering Others – 5:7–15



- **Paul Defends His Apostleship – (1:11–2:21)**
- **Promise of Abraham Not Through The Law But Through Faith In Christ! – (3:1–29)**
- **In Christ We Are Adopted As Sons & Heirs of God Through Christ! – (3:26–4:7)**
- **Paul's Concern For The Churches! – (4:8–20)**
- **"The Allegory of Hagar & Sarah"—(4:21–31)**
- **"Stand Fast—Don't Fall!" – 5:1–7**

Galatians 5:7-15 (NKJV)

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.

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- **“You WERE running well”**
 - * Christian life is often represented as a race. (1 Cor 9:24-27; Gal. 2:2; 2 Tim 4:7)
 - * The Galatians had begun the Christian race & progressing well UNTIL the Judaizers impeded their progress - (*hindered* - 1 Pet 3:7; 1 Thes 2:18; Rom 15:22)

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7 You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?

- **Who prevented you from continuing to obey the truth?**
 - ✳ The Judaizers false teaching had been accepted by some, but they could only be turned aside by their own consent - there was really no cause why they should not have continued as they began. - (1:6-9; 3:1)

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 - * These teachers “troubled” the Galatian brethren (Gal. 1:7; 5:10) - “unsettled” the faithful brethren (Gal. 5:12).
 - * The truth, (the gospel, the faith) must continue to be obeyed - (*Not a one time act / Obedience NOT equivalent to the term works as used by Paul - Rom 1:5; 2:7; 6:16-18; 16:26; 2 Cor 10:5; Heb 5:7-9*)

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- **Who prevented you from continuing to obey the truth?**
 - * **This persuasion** - i.e., “it is necessary to obey the laws of Moses, and to intermingle the observance of the Jewish rites with the gospel in order to be saved.”
 - * **“Does not come from Him who calls you”** - i.e. God, who called them through the gospel - (2 Thes 2:13,14; Rom 1:16)
 - * The source of this doctrine is NOT God - (Gal 1:7-9)

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- Who prevented you from continuing to obey the truth?
 - * False teaching, like yeast, spreads and permeates, and if not checked, can infect the whole - (Mat 13:33; Luke 13:21; 1 Cor. 5:6)
 - * Note: Small departures can and will become major departures from the truth. (e.g., *Early apostasy; The Christian church; etc.*),

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“The very first step of doctrinal departure must be withstood as if the total rejection of the authority of Christ depended upon it, for it does.”

(Mike Willis, Truth Commentaries, Galatians, page 239)

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- Who prevented you from continuing to obey the truth?
 - * Paul was optimistic about the outcome. He was confident the Galatians would share his views and that the leading false teacher, whose identity was unknown to Paul, would be rejected & disciplined by them. (*need for unity - 1 Cor. 1:10-13*)
 - * False teachers are the trouble makers and will receive just condemnation - (1 Kings 18:17; 2 Pet 2:1,17-19)

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Galatians 5:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased.

- **Proof Paul was opposed to the Judaizers -**
 - * Apparently Paul was charged with still preaching circumcision.
 - * How is it that he was still being persecuted by Judaizers if he preached the same message they did? (Acts 13:50; 14:1,2,19, 17:4,5,13; 21:27-28:31).
 - * The cross, as the grounds for justification was a stumbling block to the Jews - (1 Cor. 1:18,23; Rom 9:32,33; 1 Pet 2:8,9)

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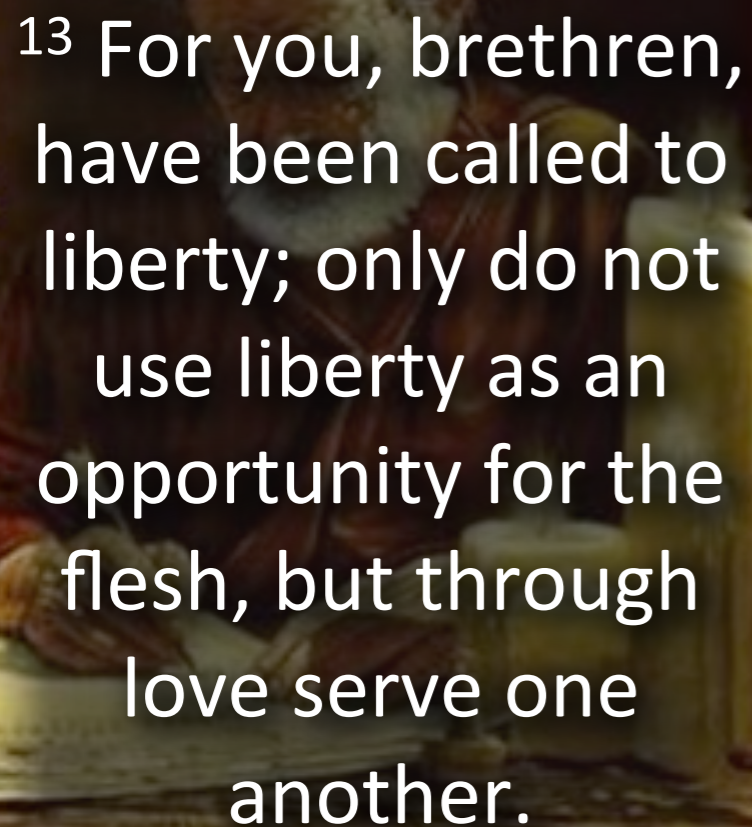
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- Paul wishes they would “cut themselves off”
 - * Speaking out of deep concern for the gospel, Paul uttered a strong expression - He wished that the Judaizers would go the whole way and castrate themselves,
 - * Figurative: Paul’s desire that they would leave the churches so they would be unable to produce new converts.

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Obligations of Liberty - 5:13-15

Galatians 5:13 (NKJV)



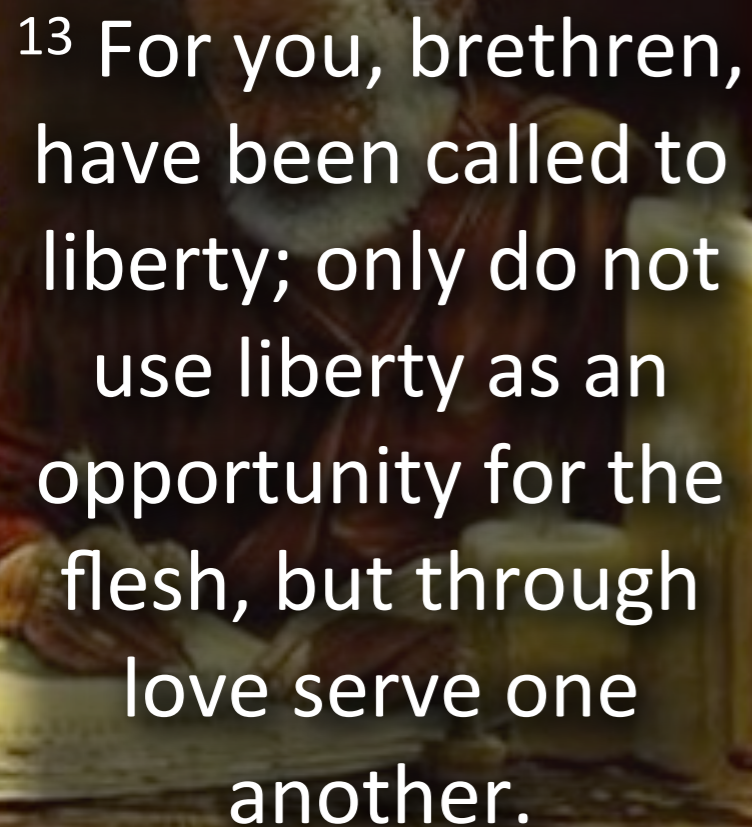
¹³ For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

- **Called unto liberty** - Freedom from Jewish rites and ceremonies. Gal. 3:28; 4:9,21-31.
- ✳ Liberty is not a license to do whatever we may want to do, including sin - Rom 6:1,2;
- ✳ Nor does liberty provide occasion to teach and accept error - (John 8:32)

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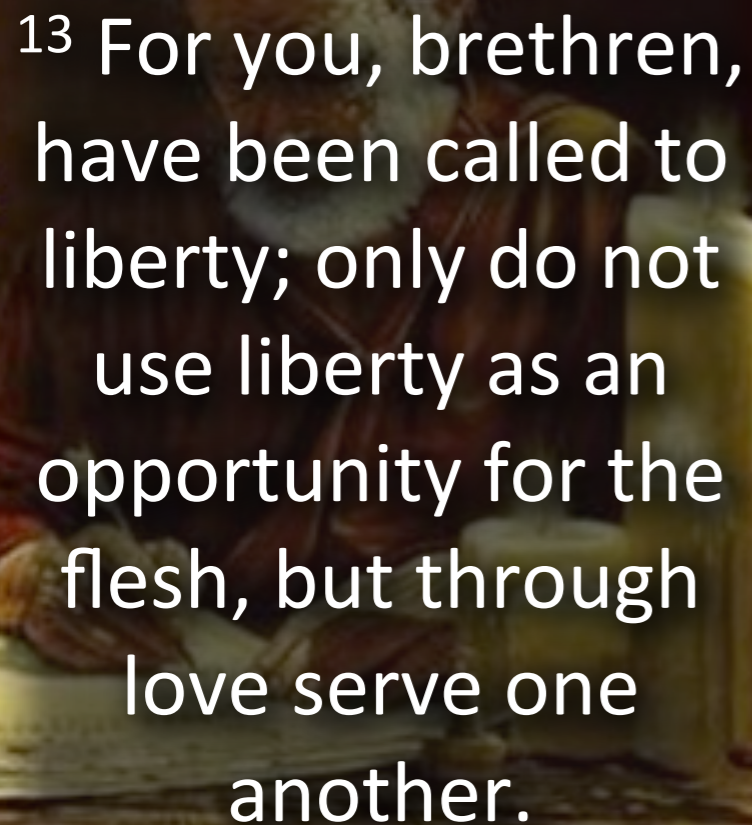
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- **Called unto liberty** - Freedom from Jewish rites and ceremonies. Gal. 3:28; 4:9,21-31.
- ✳ We are free to love one another and to serve one another within God's fellowship - (1 John)
- ✳ Compare with Rom 13:8-14

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But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

cf. James 3:13-4:4

Galatians 5:6 (NKJV)

“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.”

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Galatians 3:26–29 (NKJV)

**²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

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