

The Only Thing That Counts

Series: Galatians – Charter of Freedom
– Galatians 5:1-6 –

Two important commands:

1. “Stand Firm”
2. “Do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery”

1. Debt-Based Religion (vss. 2-4)

Three grave consequences of legalistic self-righteousness:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

2. Love-Based Devotion (vss. 5-6)

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this message?
2. Why does a Christian have to stand firm and strong (vs. 1) in order to keep out of legalism?
3. How would you describe the *freedom* God wants us to have in our lives, as you see it expressed in this letter?
4. Explain the difference between Christians today either living in the freedom of Christ or the slavery of the Law.
5. Based on your experience, instead of circumcision, what issue or ceremony would Paul use to make his point today (vs. 6)?
6. Give a practical example of “faith expressing itself through love.”
7. We have God Himself indwelling us by His Spirit, internally guiding and empowering us to obey. Discuss how we are to live this out in our relationship with the Lord and other people. For example, how do you discern God’s *internal* guidance?

