

Message Notes

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Current Series: Free

Message Title: The Flesh-Driven Life

Flesh: your _____ human nature

The flesh is . . .

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How to fight against your flesh:

- _____ (v. 13a)
- _____ (v. 16)
- _____ (v. 13b)

¹³ *You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.*

Life Group Message Discussion Questions

Galatians 5:13-17; 19-21

1. Read Galatians 5:13-21. What type of battle is the apostle Paul describing in this passage? What are the stakes in this particular battle?
2. Generally speaking, how does our culture define *freedom*? How does Paul define it in this passage?
3. How would you reply to someone who feels that being saved gives us freedom to sin without fear of the consequences?
4. While Galatians 5:1-12 says that legalism and dependence upon our good works to save us can cause us to *lose* our freedom in Christ, this passage warns us not to *abuse* our gospel freedom. What are some specific ways that we might abuse our freedom in Christ?
5. Why is serving one another in love (v. 13) a necessary component of Christian liberty? How does Paul contrast love with the way our flesh normally operates?
6. Why are the Spirit and our flesh in conflict with each other?
7. How does the battle between the Spirit and your flesh play out in your life? Which of the works of the flesh (listed in vv. 19-21) do you see in your life?
8. How do the works of the flesh threaten the corporate unity of the church?
9. How can a person overcome their flesh? What role does God play, and what role do we play?