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Galatians 5:1-15

Two Enemies of Christian Freedom...

- _____
 - ▶ The example of legalism... _____.
 - ▶ The effect of legalism... _____.
 - ▶ The end of legalism... _____.

- _____
 - ▶ Gospel truth is never intended only to be _____...
 - Gospel truth is always intended to be _____.
 - ▶ Gospel truth is never intended only to be _____ in our heads...
 - Gospel truth is always intended to be _____ in our lives.

Four Essentials of Christian Freedom...

- We live by _____.
 - ▶ We are not _____ God.
 - We will lose the _____ of Christ.
 - We will gain the _____ of the law.
 - We will miss the _____ of God.
 - ▶ We are _____ God.

- We live through the _____.
 - ▶ The Spirit enables us to experience the _____ of Christ.
 - We are not free _____ Christ; we are free _____ Christ!
 - ▶ The Spirit enables us to enjoy the _____ of Christ.
 - We are not free _____ sin; we are free _____ sin!

- We live in _____.
 - ▶ We long for the _____ of His righteousness.
 - ▶ We live to _____ His righteousness.



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Two Enemies of Christian Freedom...

- **Legalism**
 - ▶ The example of legalism... **circumcision**.
 - ▶ The effect of legalism... **contamination**.
 - ▶ The end of legalism... **condemnation**.

- **License**
 - ▶ Gospel truth is never intended only to be **believed**...
 - Gospel truth is always intended to be **obeyed**.
 - ▶ Gospel truth is never intended only to be **accepted** in our heads...
 - Gospel truth is always intended to be **applied** in our lives.

Four Essentials of Christian Freedom...

- We live by **faith**.
 - ▶ We are not **working for** God.
 - We will lose the **benefits** of Christ.
 - We will gain the **burden** of the law.
 - We will miss the **grace** of God.
 - ▶ We are **trusting in** God.

- We live through the **Spirit**.
 - ▶ The Spirit enables us to experience the **presence** of Christ.
 - We are not free **from** Christ; we are free **to** Christ!
 - ▶ The Spirit enables us to enjoy the **commands** of Christ.
 - We are not free **to** sin; we are free **from** sin!

- We live in **hope**.
 - ▶ We long for the **guarantee** of His righteousness.
 - ▶ We live to **grow into** His righteousness.

- We live with _____.
- ▶ We are free from slavery to the _____.
- ▶ We are free to the slavery of _____.
 - We no longer indulge ourselves in _____ sin.
 - We now serve each other with _____ love.

So What Does It Mean To Be Free?

Christian freedom means to live by _____ through the _____
in _____ with _____.

- We live with **love**.
- ▶ We are free from slavery to the **law**.
- ▶ We are free to the slavery of **love**.
 - We no longer indulge ourselves in **selfish** sin.
 - We now serve each other with **selfless** love.

So What Does It Mean To Be Free?

Christian freedom means to live by **faith** through the **Spirit**
in **hope** with **love**.