

Galatians Study Questions

Galatians 5:13-26

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not *turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.¹⁴ For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, take care lest you be consumed by one another.¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.²⁶ Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

1. What was Paul's concern regarding the freedom the Galatian Christians had in Christ? Compare this thought to what he says in verse one of this chapter.
2. In contrast, what does Paul tell them to do in verse thirteen?
3. According to Paul, what commandment fulfills the entire Law?
4. What will keep us from carrying out "the desires of the flesh"?
5. According to verse seventeen, what two things are in opposition to one another and what is the result?
6. According to verse eighteen, what should lead us as Christians and what is the result?
7. What is the first observation Paul makes about "the deeds of the flesh"?
8. What warning does Paul give regarding "the deeds of the flesh"?
9. What observation does Paul make about "the fruit of the Spirit"?
10. What have "those who belong to Jesus Christ" done?
11. What should those who live by the Spirit do? What does this mean?
12. What should they not do? How might this be a temptation to those who live by the Spirit?