



## Facing The Truth About My Bondage

**Big Question:** Are you in bondage?

**Bondage Defined:** The state of being a slave (Oxford)

**My Testimony:** I have been in all kinds of bondages, but today I am free.

**Text: Galatians 5:1**

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

### I. The Source of Their Bondage

(Galatians 1:6-10)

6 I marvel that **you are turning away** so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a **different gospel**, 7 which is not another; but **there are some who trouble you** and want to **pervert the gospel** of Christ.

A. They **turned** away from their values and the gospel (v6)

B. They **allowed influential people** to advise them (5:7-10)

- 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.

### II. The Cure For Their Bondage

(Galatians 5:13-15)

#### 1. Start Loving People

- Galatians 5:13–15 (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.** 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: **“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”**

#### 2. Stop Biting People

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

#### 3. Start Walking In The Spirit (Establishing moral boundaries)



- Galatians 5:16–26 (NKJV): 16 I say then: **Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.** 17 For **the flesh lusts against the Spirit**, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
- 19 **Now the works of the flesh are evident**, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- 22 **But the fruit of the Spirit is love**, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

#### **Conclusion: Proof You Have Been Freed From Bondage**

- 24 And those who are Christ's have **crucified the flesh** with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 **Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another**
1. Your ability to **control** your fleshy passions (v24)
  2. Your new **walking** or life-style choices (v25)
  3. Your **avoidance** of the big three (conceit, provoking, and envy)