# "LIBERTY GOVERNED BY LOVE"

## GALATIANS 5:13-15

1. **THE FIRST PRINCIPLE TO BE GRASPED TOWARD AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS THAT CHRISTIANS ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED TO LIBERTY (5:13)**
   1. This Is The Permanent Standing Of Every Believer & Not Just The Mature & Perceivably Elite (5:13a)
   2. There Is Nevertheless, The Ever Present Danger Of Misusing This Liberty For An Occasion To The Flesh (5:13b)  
      1. The Word *Flesh* Is Difficult To Get A Hold Of Because There Are So Many Different Pauline Uses  
         1. Human Beings [Mankind] (2:16)
         2. Physical, Human Body (2:20)
         3. Human Effort (3:3)
         4. Sin Nature (5:16ff)  
            1. With Its Own Emotional Desires
            2. With Its Own Volition
            3. With Its Own Intellectual Thought Processes
      2. The Character Of *The Flesh* Is Described As Being Completely Void Of Any Good Thing (Romans 7:18)
2. **THE SECOND PRINCIPLE TO BE GRASPED TOWARD AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS THAT CHRISTIANS ARE PEOPLE WHO SERVE ONE ANOTHER BY LOVE (5:13c-15)**
   1. Love As The Governor Of Christian Liberty, Is Exemplified In What Has Come To Be Known As The Golden Rule (5:14)
   2. The Alternative To A Refusal To Love One Another Is The Mutual Destruction Of One Another (5:15)