

# "LIBERTY GOVERNED BY LOVE" GALATIANS 5:13-15

## I. 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)

A. This Is The Permanent Standing Of Every Believer & Not Just The Mature & Perceivably Elite (5:13a)

B. 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

a. Human Beings [Mankind] (2:16)

b. Physical, Human Body (2:20)

c. Human Effort (3:3)

d. Sin Nature (5:16ff)

i. With Its Own Emotional Desires

ii. With Its Own Volition

iii. 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)

## II. 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)

A. Love As The Governor Of Christian Liberty, Is Exemplified In What Has Come To Be Known As The Golden Rule (5:14)

B. The Alternative To A Refusal To Love One Another Is The Mutual Destruction Of One Another (5:15)