

## Galatians 5: 1-16 – Guided by Faith, Hope, and Love

### Introduction:

- Paul is cautioning the Galatian disciples against being turned from a Gospel of Faith to a “gospel of works.” He has shown the Galatians that even the Old Testament history shows that Abraham’s faith in God’s promise outweighs the deeds of the flesh.

### The Spirit Works through Faith, Hope and Love

- Salvation through faith gives us freedom, and we only hurt ourselves when we try to go back to earning salvation through \_\_\_\_\_. (5:1)
- Trying to be \_\_\_\_\_ by works as well as faith nullifies the work of faith and grace in our lives. (5:2-4)
- Through the Spirit and by **faith**, believers have the blessed **hope** of \_\_\_\_\_; we are guided in our day-to-day decisions by **love**. (5:5-6)

### A Little Leaven Leavens the Whole Batch of Dough

- God is not behind any doctrine that nullifies the work of the \_\_\_\_\_. (5:7-8)
- Accepting even a little bit of false teaching in this matter will eventually cause our entire spiritual experience to be tainted, as well as tainting those around us. (5:9)
- The false teacher(s) will receive \_\_\_\_\_ in time. (5:10)

### Liberty, License, Law, Love?

- Paul assures the \_\_\_\_\_ that he is opposed to the teachings of the Judaizers. (5:11-12)
- Still, Paul cautions not to let our freedom in \_\_\_\_\_ encourage lax morals. (5:13a)
- Our treatment of each other should always be guided by \_\_\_\_\_. (5:13b-14)
- Allowing the \_\_\_\_\_ to guide us according to this principle will help us to avoid living for the desires of the \_\_\_\_\_. (5:15-16)

### Group Discussion:

- Why might it be easier to accept a code of conduct than to have a heart that is right with God and be guided by love and the Holy Spirit?