

## 小組查經 – 加拉太書

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### (5) 第五章第 1 節 - 26 節

【查經】第五章開始，保羅把重心放在將在基督裡的自由應用在實際的生活中。保羅指出福音所產生的結果，乃是使人脫離律法的轄制，靠著聖靈過自由、得勝的生活：

#### (1) 基督徒與自由 (5:1~15)

- i 基督已經把我們從律法中釋放了，叫我們得以自由 (5:1)。這句話是整卷書的鑰節之一，也是以下兩章有關生活應用的最大關鍵。
- ii 這自由是在基督耶穌裏，受不受割禮全無功效，惟有使人生發「愛」的「信」才有功效 (5:1~12)，因為真正的「信」一定會使人生發「愛」— 愛神愛人 (5:14, 太 22:37-40)。所以，「信」是根基，「愛」是實行、見證，也是聖靈的果子。
- iii 而且基督徒的自由是在愛中成全律法的生活，而非將這個寶貴的自由當作放縱肉體的機會 (5:13~15)。

#### (2) 基督徒與聖靈 (5:16~6:10)

- i 雖然肉體的情慾和我們裡頭的聖靈相敵、相爭，但基督徒是靠聖靈行事，不是靠肉體行事，所以不在律法以下 (5:16~18)。(思想：為什麼？)
- ii 基督徒的生活是靠聖靈勝過肉體的生活 (5:19~26)。我們是靠聖靈重生，靠聖靈而活，也靠聖靈行事 – Born in the Spirit, live in the Spirit, and walk in the Spirit. 這是「在基督裡的自由」的真義。
- iii 順從聖靈向人行善，就完全了基督的律法 (6:1~10)

【問題討論】請務必把經文照以上分段細讀之後，再討論以下問題。

1. 「一點麵酵能使全團都發起來」(加五 9) 是指的什麼？對照保羅在林前 5 章 6 節也引用這句格言，我們該如何面對現今教會中各種似是而非的教訓？
2. 5:11, 保羅是用反問勸誡的口吻說：「弟兄們，我們若仍舊傳割禮，為什麼還受逼迫呢，若是這樣，那十字架討厭的地方就沒有了。」你能揣摩保羅為什麼如此說嗎？你有什麼類似的體會嗎？
3. 「信」是根基，「愛」是實行，真正的「信」一定會使人生發「愛」— 愛神愛人 (5:14, 太 22:37-40)。請討論你在基督徒生活中在這一方面的體會。
4. 對照上兩章有關「奴僕，孩童，及兒子」的討論，如何讓聖靈的果子成為我們生命自然的結果？

## Small Group Bible Study - Galatians

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(5) 5:1-26

**【Note】** As mentioned before, the theme of this epistle is the freedom in Christ that the saints received from believing in Christ. 5:1 “Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage” is one of the two key verses. From this point on, Paul shifted the focus from doctrine argument to life practice. The consequence of the true gospel is the freedom from the law and a victorious life in the Spirit.

### 1. Christians and the true freedom

- 1) Christ has made us free – this is the key of living out a victorious life (5:1)
- 2) This freedom is only in Christ which is from the true faith that generates love (5:2-12)
- 3) This freedom, however, is not to be used to indulge our flesh, but to serve one another through love (5:13-15)

### 2. Christians and the Spirit (5:16-6:10)

- 1) Although our flesh is always against the Spirit, but if we are led by the Spirit, we are not under the law (5:16-18)
- 2) Christians are born in the Spirit, live in the Spirit, and walk in the Spirit – this is the true meaning of the freedom in Christ
- 3) Do good things to all in the Spirit – then you will fulfill the law of Christ

### **【Discussion】**

After thoroughly study the verses, please ponder and discuss the following:

1. In Galatians 5:6, Paul said, "The only thing that counts is faith", why so and what is the definition of “faith” that Paul gave in this verse? Give examples of how we can express our faith through loving acts.
2. Read Galatians 5:13-26. What is the difference between the two concepts of freedom described in Galatians 5:13-14?
3. In what ways do you see the Spirit's fruit ripening in your life? Refer to Chapter 3 and 4, when and how can we live out the fruit of the Holy Spirit?
4. Paul assumes that even though all Christians live by (or *in*) the Spirit, we do not always keep in step with the Spirit (or *walk in the Spirit*) (Galatians 5:25-26). In what ways do you struggle to keep in step with the Spirit?