

Recap

- Galatians 5.1 - It is for freedom (as children of God) that Christ has set us free (from slavery to sin, the law, and the elemental spiritual powers of this world.) Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery (to the law.)
- Galatians 5.6 - The only thing that counts is faith (trusting in Jesus) expressing itself through love (seeking the good of others.)



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The Road of Freedom



- **Legalism** - focus on external behavior and observance of the law to the neglect of the heart of the law
- **Antinomianism** - because we are saved by grace through faith we can live however we want



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Acts of the Flesh

- Sexual sins – sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery
- Religious sins – idolatry, witchcraft
- Interpersonal sins – hatred discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy
- Sins of excess – drunkenness, orgies



Acts of the Flesh

Out of step with culture

- **Sexual immorality** – any sexual activity outside of marriage
- **Drunkenness**

Most subtle – idolatry

- Giving worship/allegiance to another that is due to God
 - Base life on anything other than Jesus
 - Give precedence to anything over Jesus
- Tempted to create idols to ease our fears

Destroys the church – hatred, discord, dissensions, factions – all bring needless division; politics is key instigator



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Confession of a Legalist

Father, I confess that like the older brother I am a legalist.

I am tempted to reject the freedom You give me and to replace it with the yoke of slavery to the law.

I am tempted to earn both my salvation and Your love through my good works.

I focus on the letter of the law and not the spirit and I am more concerned about my behavior than my heart before You.

Please forgive me.



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Confession of an Antinomian

Father, I confess that like the younger brother I am an antinomian.

I am tempted to abuse the freedom You have given me to do whatever I want and to indulge my sinful desires.

I am tempted to flaunt Your love and Your grace through selfish and independent living.

I am tempted to focus on the gifts of freedom and grace that You give and to neglect my relationship with You.

Please forgive me.



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