

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

**Bible Study Series: Living by Faith – Galatians**

**Lesson 28. Free to Serve – Gal. 5:11-15**

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- I. The Cross is Offensive – vs. 11-12
  - A. False Teachers Persecute True Teachers – John 16:1-3; Rev. 17:5-6
  - B. You Cannot Earn Salvation – nullifying the gospel – Gal. 2:21
  - C. May the Judaizers Go All the Way!
- II. Called to Liberty – vs. 13-14
  - A. Not to Serve the Desires of the Flesh – John 8:34-36; 1 Peter 2:16 – John MacArthur Quote
    - 1. Legalism – Law replaces Grace
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  - B. To Serve Others through Love – Peter Marshall Quote
    - 1. All the law summed up – Love your neighbor as yourself
    - 2. Practical holiness toward others – Rom. 13:8-10
- III. My Rights! – vs. 15
  - A. Bite and Devour – doing what I want when I want
    - 1. The danger of an overly strict conscience – Mark 7:8-9, 13
    - 2. The danger of an overly free conscience – Rom. 14:4, 10
  - B. When There is a Difference – Rom. 14:1-3, 14-15

**Quotes**

“The Christian has the glorious privilege of living under the internal guidance, restraint, and power of the Holy Spirit, who energizes him to obey the will of God.” – John MacArthur

“Freedom is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.” – Dr. Peter Marshall

**Cross References**

John 16:1-3

16 “These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. 2 They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. 3 And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.

Revelation 17:5-6

5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6 I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

Galatians 2:21

21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

John 8:34-36

34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

1 Peter 2:16

16 as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.

Romans 13:8-10

8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Mark 7:8-9, 13

8 For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do." 9 He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.

13 making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

Romans 14:4

4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Romans 14:10

10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Romans 14:1-3

14 Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. 2 For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. 3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.

Romans 14:14-15

14 I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. 15 Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died.