

Galatians:



*Freedom
by Grace*

FOUNDATION *"You were called to freedom, brethren." (13)*

Negatively: *"Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh." (13)*

Positively: *"Through love be servants of one another (13)*

INCENTIVE TO LOVE

Positively: *"For the whole law is fulfilled in one command, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (14)*

Negatively: *"If you bite and devour one another take heed that you are not consumed by one another." (15)*



Spiritual Freedom

Living by the power of the Spirit, so that you can submit your desires to that of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Luke 10:33-35

33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

Gavin Ortlund

**FINDING
THE
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The Case for Theological Triage

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“Enjoy the comfort of it in thy own bosom, and do not trouble others by the imprudent use of it, when it might give offence, and cause thy weak brother to stumble and fall. In these indifferent things.. we may sometimes conceal it.”



Matthew Henry

“keep it yourself...keep it privately...it is to be cherished in our hearts.”

Charles Hodge, Presbyterian Theologian and principal of Princeton Theological Seminary



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