

# *the* TAKE HOME 07.05.15

## Today's Scripture Passage: Galatians 5:1-15

P 825-826 Pew Bible

**1** It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. **2** Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. **3** Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. **4** You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. **5** But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope. **6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. **7** You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? **8** That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. **9** "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough." **10** I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion will pay the penalty, whoever he may be. **11** Brothers, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. **12** As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves! **13** You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. **14** The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." **15** If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

### A. Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus attributed so much importance to freedom?
2. What is the "freedom" Paul says here Christ freed us to experience? Is it political, spiritual, emotional, financial all or some of the above?
3. In what subtle ways do we lose our freedom ?
4. Paul speaks about two errors by which we can lose our freedom in vs. 2 and vs 7. What are those erroneous ways?
5. What "would" you do and what "do" you do to protect and preserve your freedom?

### B. Prayer:

1. Thank God for the freedoms we enjoy in this country.
2. Pray for our national, state and local leaders
3. Lord help us to live free in accord with our rights and responsibilities with a focus upon Your Glory and purposes.

### C. Actions:

1. Read Ephesians 3:14-21 in preparation for next Sunday's message
2. Continue to memorize Eph. 3:21.