**WITH EACH DAY…**

**(Galatians 5)**

1. **THE FIRST CONTRAST: freedom vs. slavery (v.1-12)**

TRUE FREEDOM (John 8:36)

DANGERS OF FALSE DOCTRINE (v.2-6)

1. Christ is of no benefit (v.2)
2. Obligated to keep whole law (v.3)
3. Fallen from grace (v.4)…saved but wasted life (talking to Galatians)
4. Excluded from righteousness (v.5-6)

 CHARACTERISTICS OF FALSE TEACHERS (v.7-12)

1. They hinder the truth (v.7)
2. They are not of God (v.8)
3. They contaminate the church (v.9)
4. They will be judged (v.10)
5. They persecute true teachers (v.11)
6. They should be cut off (v.12)
7. **THE SECOND CONTRAST: the life in the flesh vs. the Life in the Spirit (v.13-26)**
8. The Calling (v.13-15)
9. The Command (v.16)
10. The Conflict (v.17-18)
11. The Contrast (v.19-23)

Works of the Flesh (v.19-21)

Fruit of the Spirit (v.22-23)

1. The Conquest (v.24-26)

APPLICATIONS:

THE FIRST CONTRAST: freedom vs. slavery

1. Have you ever been SET FREE by Jesus Christ? (John 8:36)
2. Are you adding anything for salvation to the work of Jesus Christ on the Cross?
3. Are you thriving in the Christian life? If not, what needs to go, to be cast out? (Isaac could not thrive with Ishmael present. Ishmael had to be cast out.)
4. Will you ask the Lord to help you examine your own heart? Is there any act you are “doing” that you think makes you more spiritual? Will you confess that is legalism before the Lord?
5. This Easter, will you spend time thanking the Lord for the freedom He alone provides?

THE SECOND CONTRAST: the works of the flesh vs. the fruit of the Spirit

1. How evident is your freedom in Christ by your love for others and service to others?
2. What evidence is there that you are daily walking by the Spirit?
3. When are you the most likely to carry out “works of the flesh”?
4. What is preventing you from following the “leadership of the Holy Spirit”? (v.18)

WITH EASTER IN VIEW…

THE FIRST CONTRAST: freedom vs. slavery

WILL YOU THANK THE LORD JESUS FOR HIS WILLINGNESS TO GO TO THE CROSS TO SET YOU FREE FOREVER? FREE FROM SIN’S PENALTY, POWER, AND ULTIMATELY PRESENCE? FREE TO KNOW, LOVE, AND FOLLOW THE LORD? FREE TO BE IN HEAVEN FOREVER?

REALIZE JESUS CHRIST HAS DONE ALL FOR YOUR JUSTIFICATION?

THE SECOND CONTRAST: works of flesh vs. fruit of the Spirit

DO YOU REALIZE THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT PROVIDES ALL THAT WE NEED FOR SANCTIFICATION?

WILL YOU SURRENDER TO THE LORD AND BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT EACH DAY?

WILL YOU PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD, THE TRIUNE GOD FOR THE VICTORY HE PROVIDES FOR ALL THAT WILL TRULY TRUST HIM?