

How to be Truly Free (part two)

Galatians 5:13-15

July 11, 2021

(5:13) *For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.* (NRSV)

1. True freedom leads to our mutual good and godly **gain**

- The essence of our **calling** (Rom. 8:28; Col. 3:15)
- The **limits** of our freedom
- The new opportunity for service

The word “serve” is a form of the verb “to slave” and has the idea of “be subject to, to obey, to yield service to, submit to.”

“The truest test of a servant is if you **respond** like one when you are **treated** like one.”

(5:14) *For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”* (ESV)

2. The law summarized in a **nutshell**

- The background (Leviticus 19:18)
- The foreground (Matthew 22:34-40; Romans 13:8-10)
 - Obeying the law **in order to** be justified is wrong (Gal. 5:3)
 - Fulfilling the law as **a result of** having been justified is right

(5:15) *However, if you continually bite and devour one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another.* (NET)

3. Freedom gone wrong leads to mutual hurt and spiritual **loss**

- “*biting and devouring one another*” sounds hurtful and it is
- “*consumed by one another*” is a dreadful **end** to a church

Good Stuff is Happening!!!

Grieve together . . . hope together

A memorial service for Darren Von Flue will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, July 21st at First Baptist Church of Salem. The church address is: 395 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301

Disciples are being formed

Our Student Ministries for middle school through high school are meeting on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 8:00pm for a time of teaching and fun led by Zach Richman and Elizabeth Garrard with help from Pam Shetler. *Please continue to pray for our youth, parents and volunteer leaders.*

Maintenance is scheduled

The church offices will be closed Mon-Tue-Wed July 12-13-14 due to a repaving of the parking lot.

Introduce children to Christ in Vacation Bible School

Pre-register for VBS! VBS dates July 26-30 9am – 12noon
<https://silvertonfirstbaptist.myanswers.com/mystery-island/>

Introduce children to Christ in Kids Day Camp

CanyonView Day Camp coordinated by our church Aug. 16-20
Forms are available through admin@silvertonfirstbaptist.org
Send to: FBC-Silverton, PO Box 1800, Silverton, OR 97381
****NOTE**** Registration must be returned no later than August 2nd
For more info <https://www.canyonviewministries.org/day-camp>

Pray with fellow believers for personal and church requests

Thursday evenings downstairs room #111 from 7pm to 8pm

Summertime travels and guest speaker

Pastor Tom and Sherie are on vacation July 18-27. Pray for safety on Tom’s long bike trip across Oregon. Sherie will be the support team manager and drive the team vehicle.

Rev. Raoul Robles will be preaching in our Sunday services on July 18th and 26th. We hope to hear a report from our missionaries Stephen and Katie Grady soon, perhaps on July 26th.