

## Read with Understanding: Galatians 5.1-13

### Instructions

Carefully read through Galatians 5.1-13 and then attempt to answer the questions which follow.

### Commentary: Christian Liberty (5:1-12)

In this chapter Paul presents his ethical argument of justification applied to Christian living. Having ruled out the Mosaic Law as a regulatory standard for Christian behaviour, Paul proceeds to explain how God does lead Christians through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

1. What is Paul referring to as the 'yoke of slavery' in v1?

Read Matthew 11:28-30

2. How is the yoke and burden of Jesus Christ different to the 'yoke of slavery' spoken of in v1?
3. What two things in v 2 and v3 did Paul warn would happen if the Galatians submitted to circumcision?
4. What warning does Paul give the Galatians in v4 if they attempt to be justified by the Law?

Paul states in v6 that there is no difference in being circumcised or uncircumcised for all are one in Christ Jesus.

5. What does matter in a person's life?
6. What do you think Paul meant in v7 when he said 'You were running well'?
7. What is leaven (yeast) in v9 often a picture of in the Bible?

8. Paul changes his tone towards the Galatians in v10, what tone is Paul using?

The word “still” or “yet” in v11 speaks of a thing that went on formerly (in the past).

9. What does this tell us about Paul’s previous views on circumcision?

10. Why is the cross a “stumbling block” or “offence” to the unsaved?

11. Who is it in v12 that Paul sarcastically wishes would mutilate (castrate) themselves.

### **Commentary: Love NOT License (5:13)**

Throughout v 1-12 Paul urged his readers to live unbound to the Law of Moses. He now takes the opportunity to warn them against using their liberty as a license to sin, to prevent them from overreacting.

12. In v 13 how did Paul instruct the Galatians to use the freedom they were given in Christ?

13. How does loving one another demonstrate that a person is walking in the Spirit?

**Hint:** [John 13:35](#)

Bonus Question!!! This is a hard one; if you get this I will be very impressed.

14. Paul lists five things we should know about false teachers, what are they?

**Hint:** you will find the answers in v7, v8, v9, v10, v11.