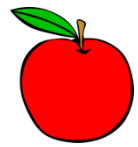




The Fruits of a Spirit Filled Life
A Genuine Freedom
Galatians 4:21-31
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Introduction: Quite often, we view laws as guides that, while possibly curtailing our liberty in one area, ensure others do not encroach upon our liberties in other areas. When the balance shifts and the law no longer serves to protect our liberties but forces us to earn our freedom, we consider ourselves entrapped. This contrast becomes the focus as Paul concludes this section with a warning to the Galatian believers of the snare of the Law compared to the genuine freedom found in Christ.

I. The Q_____ (v. 21)

“Now we know that whatever the law says speaks to those who are subject to the law, so that every mouth may be shut and the whole world may become subject to God’s judgment.²⁰For no flesh will be justified in His sight by the works of the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.”

Romans 3:19-20

II. The C_____ (vv. 22-28)

“‘Our father is Abraham!’ they replied. ‘If you were Abraham’s children,’ Jesus told them, ‘you would do what Abraham did.’⁴⁰But now you are trying to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do this!”

John 8:39-40

“Neither are they all children because they are Abraham’s descendants. On the contrary, in Isaac your seed will be called.⁸That is, it is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but the children of the promise are considered seed.”

Romans 9:7-8

“He considered his own body to be already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb, without weakening in the faith.²⁰He did not waver in unbelief at God’s promise, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,²¹because he was fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.” Romans 4:19-21

“But what do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘My son, go, work in the vineyard today.’²⁹ He answered, ‘I don’t want to!’ Yet later he changed his mind and went.³⁰ Then the man went to the other and said the same thing. ‘I will, sir,’ he answered. But he didn’t go.³¹ Which of the two did his father’s will?”
Matthew 21:28-31

III. The C_____ (vv. 29-31)

“I only want to learn this from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law or by hearing with faith?”
Galatians 3:2

“So she said to Abraham, ‘Drive out this slave with her son, for the son of this slave will not be a co-heir with my son Isaac!’”
Genesis 21:10

“For those whose lives are according to the flesh think about the things of the flesh, but those whose lives are according to the Spirit, about the things of the Spirit.⁶ For the mind-set of the flesh is death, but the mind-set of the Spirit is life and peace.⁷ For the mind-set of the flesh is hostile to God because it does not submit itself to God’s law, for it is unable to do so.⁸ Those whose lives are in the flesh are unable to please God.”
Romans 8:5-8