

Study Guide for February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002. Series: *Sola Fide* - Galatians 5:1-12 Defending Spiritual Liberty.

1. Describe a favorite war story of how LIBERTY was defended. How does that example inspire you?
  
2. The Big Picture: Recall the outline of Galatians. Chapters 1-2 provide a historical back drop as Paul defends his apostolic authority. Chapters 3-4 are the doctrinal core where he asserts justification is by faith, not works. In Chapters 5-6 he shifts to exhortation. He wants the Galatians to apply the truth he has explained. Gain an overview of this section by completing the phrases which summarize the verses.
  - A. Vs. 1: Exhortation to stand . . .
  - B. Vs. 2-4: Warning against . . .
  - C. Vs. 5-6: Instruction to explain . . .
  - D. Vs. 7-9: Perplexity to expose . . .
  - E. Vs. 10-12: Confidence for . . .  
Contempt for . . .
  
3. Images: Explain how Paul uses the following images and the implications for our spiritual lives.
  - A. Yoke of slavery (vs. 1):
  - B. Running a good race / cut in on (vs. 7):
  - C. A little yeast working through the whole batch of dough (vs. 9):
  
4. The Truth about Circumcision: Fill in the blanks and then complete the sentences to see what Paul is saying about circumcision in this section of the letter.
  - A. If (the Galatians) let themselves \_\_ \_\_\_\_, Christ would be of \_\_ \_\_\_\_ to you at all. (vs.2). Why would this be so?
  - B. Every man who lets himself be circumcised ...is \_\_\_\_ to obey the \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 3) Why?
  - C. In Christ, neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_ has any value. The only thing that counts is \_\_\_\_\_ expressing itself through \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 6)
  - D. Paul is **not** preaching \_\_\_\_\_, and therefore he is still being \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 11) Why?
  
5. Application: In what way do you need to defend your spiritual liberty? How are Christians in danger today of being put under a yoke of slavery?