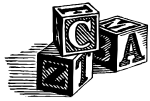


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "Paul's Application of Justification in the Life of the Believer: Grace Living is Grace Loving," (Galatians 5:13-15).



Basic Ideas from Galatians 5:13-15.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know that we are free in Christ to love and serve Him and one another.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose Him above all else.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of resting in His finished work.



Basic Questions from Galatians 5:13-15.

1. To what have we been called? Is this idea in conflict with a call to Christ?
2. Is it possible to turn freedom into lasciviousness?
3. How do we guard against turning our freedom into an opportunity for the flesh?
4. Why is serving one another such a strong deterrent to sinning?
5. What is the summation of the whole Law?
6. Is this different than what Jesus said in Matthew 22:34-40?
7. Why do you think Paul makes the statement he does in verse 15? What might we assume from this statement?



The **Basic Application** from Galatians 5:13-15.

1. Live free.
2. Make no provision for the flesh (Rom. 13:14). Abstain from fleshly lusts (1 Peter 2:11).
3. Love large. Don't be selective or partial. Love big. Personal hurt and individual grudges harm us in ways we cannot fully appreciate. I become petty and small when I take allow personal wounds to fester and what it does is keep me from loving the body unconditionally.
4. Don't hurt yourself by criticizing the body. I recognize that each of us have personal weaknesses that can be justly criticized and hopefully corrected, but I would caution you never to criticize unless you have a personal relationship with the individual. It is easy to throw rocks from afar, but I would challenge you and caution you to think carefully about the criticism you are leveling against the individual and see what the perceived problem might be from their perspective.
5. Celebrate all that Jesus is for you and that you are in Him. I would also challenge you to celebrate who Jesus is for others and what they are in Him.