

**The Contrarian Way**  
**Message Five: Freedom Through the Spirit**  
**Galatians 5**

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**Discussion Questions**

1. Discuss the idea that the very purpose and goal of salvation is freedom. Have you ever thought that the purpose of freedom is to make us more moral? How is that different from the idea that the real purpose of salvation is freedom?
2. Paul tells us in verse one that we have to stand firm in our freedom, indicating that there are forces that oppose our freedom. What are the things that Christians have to fight against to maintain their freedom? How have you experienced these things in your Christian life?
3. What is the role of "the flesh" in bringing us into bondage?
4. Discuss the statement that "a legalistic approach to Christianity demonstrates confusion about the depth of the human problem". Can legalism ever address the broken condition of the heart? Why or why not?
5. Paul says the presence of the Holy Spirit within us produces fruit that changes our hearts (vv. 22, 23). How does that produce freedom within us?
6. **FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION ONLY** Are you more easily led away from Christian freedom by legalistic bondage or by bondage to the desires of the flesh? Ask God how He wants to have the Holy Spirit help you to overcome that bondage and live in freedom.