Christian Liberty Galatians 5:1-6 - Lesson #6 Continued Dr. Bruce Bickel September 23, 2016

I. Introduction

A. The Difference Divine Grace (Liberty)

1. I have been set free by Christ. I am no longer under bondage to the Law (Gal. 5:1–12).

2. But I need something—Someone—to control my life from within. That Someone is the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:13–26).

3. Through the Spirit's love, I have a desire to live for others, not for self (Gal. 6:1–10).

4. This life of liberty is so wonderful; I want to live it to the glory of God; for He is the One making it possible (Gal. 6:11–18).

Human Achievement (legalism)

1. If I obey these rules, I will become a more spiritual person. I am a great admirer of this religious leader, so I now submit myself to his system.

2. I believe I have the strength to obey and improve myself. I do what I am told, and measure up to the standards set for me.

3. I'm making progress. I don't do some of the things I used to do. Other people compliment me on my obedience and discipline. I can see that I am better than others in my fellowship. How wonderful to be so spiritual.

4. If only others were like me! God is certainly fortunate that I am His. I have a desire to share this with others so they can be as I am. Our group is growing and we have a fine reputation. Too bad other groups are not as spiritual as we are.

- B. The Definition
- C. The Danger
 - 1. You are not prohibited by Christ (v.2)

2. You are required to keep the Whole Law (v.3)

3. You are fallen from grace (v.4)

4. You are excluded from righteousness (v.5-6)

II Conclusion