

Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, August 24, 2025 Galatians 5:13-6:10 – Living Free (Part 1)

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Living free in Christ is to serve others humbly in love. To serve others humbly, we are called to love others as ourselves.

We respond and apply the Word of God we have heard by serving others humbly in love.

The end of all things is near. Therefore, may you be alert (self-controlled) and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, may you love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. May you offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. May you use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:7-11)

Discussion Questions:

- What is the warning Paul repeats at the beginning of this passage? Why is he so concerned about believers not returning to their past sinful behaviors?
- When Christ sets us free from our sins, what is our typical reaction? Why does the Lord call us to be other-centered when we have been set free in Christ?
- Why is it necessary to know and experience God's love for us before we attempt to love ourselves or others?
- What does it mean to love ourselves?
- Why is it necessary to love ourselves before we love others?
- What does it mean to you to serve others humbly in love? What can you start or continue doing to serve others humbly in love?