

Series: "Galatians – No Other Gospel"

"The Call to Community"

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Galatians 6:1-10

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The Apostle Paul's Central Message

GALATIANS 2:16 – "Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law."

What does it mean to live as a Christian individual within a community when that community is guided by freedom in the Spirit?

Christian freedom means we live by **FAITH**, through the **SPIRIT**, in **HOPE** with **LOVE**

"Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives." GALATIANS 5:25

→ It means that we are personally & mutually

ACCOUNTABLE

→ It means that we are personally & communally

RESPONSIBLE

→ It means we are **INTERRELATED**

→ It means we are **INTERDEPENDENT**

Christian community is simply those who love Jesus and live in fellowship with each other = **THE CHURCH**

THE GREATEST EVIDENCE OF THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE IS

LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER

"Use your freedom to serve one another in love." GALATIANS 5:13

[Jesus] "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." JOHN 13:35

ENEMIES OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

- Self-**CENTEREDNESS**
- Self-**SUFFICIENCY**
- Self-**RIGHTEOUSNESS**
- Self-**ESTEEM**

ONE ESSENTIAL IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

- Self-**EXAMINATION**

"Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. For we are each responsible for our own conduct." GALATIANS 6:4-5

A MODEL FOR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

- We **CORRECT** one another in love

"If another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path." GALATIANS 6:1

- We **COMFORT** one another in struggles

"Share each other's burdens..." GALATIANS 6:2

- We **SHARE** with one another generously

"Those who are taught the word of God should provide for their teachers, sharing all good things with them..." GALATIANS 6:6

- We **LIVE** for an audience of One

"You will always harvest what you plant. Those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit." GALATIANS 6:7-8

- We **DO** all the good we can

"Let's not get tired of doing what is good... whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone – especially to those in the family of faith." GALATIANS 6:9-10