

Galatians 4:8 - 5:12

(What counts is the new creation: Freedom of the new creation)

1. A tough trail

2. Freedom threatened (4:8-20)

- a. Turning back**
- b. Enemy by telling you the truth?**
- c. Zealous for no good**
- d. Why do we hold on so tightly?**

3. Freedom illustrated (4:21-31)

- a. Abraham's two sons**
- b. Two covenants**
- c. Children of the free**
- d. Thankfulness for freedom**

4. Freedom firm (5:1-12)

a. For freedom

b. Circumcision

“For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring.” (Genesis 17:12)

“²⁸ A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. ²⁹ No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person’s praise is not from other people, but from God.” (Romans 2:28-29)

c. Faith expressing itself through love

d. End for the agitators

e. Dangerous for a pastor to say

5. Freedom of the new creation