

GOD'S GOSPEL
of GRACE

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

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3. On the other hand, Christians, don't ever think that following Jesus frees you to live selfishly; Jesus frees you to love and serve others (verses 13–15).

THE MAIN POINT OF GALATIANS 5:1–15

If Jesus is your only hope for being reconciled to God, then never again live in the slavery of your own performance or in the destructiveness of your own selfishness.

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“The cross...exposes me before the eyes of other people, informing them of the depth of my depravity.

If I wanted others to think highly of me, I would conceal the fact that a shameful slaughter of the perfect son of God was required that I might be saved.

But when I stand at the foot of the cross and I am seen by others under the light of that cross... the most humiliating gossip that could ever be whispered about me is blared from Golgotha's hill.”

— *Milton Vincent*, Gospel Primer

“On a hill far away, stood an old rugged Cross
The emblem of suff’ring and shame.
And I love that old Cross, where the Dearest and Best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.”

— *“The Old Rugged Cross”* by George Bennard

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Christ's Spirit produces the fruit of love.

WHAT IS LOVE?

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