The Privilege of Freedom: Practical

It is interesting that we have five chapters in Paul’s letter to the Galatians that carefully lay out our position in Christ before we are given admonitions on how we are to live. The care that God’s Word gives to tutoring us in who we are in Christ should be a lesson to us. The lesson is that we must know who we are in Christ. We must be students of God’s Word. It may be hard work, but it is worth the effort. Once our position is better understood, we will then be better enabled and equipped to live properly in this fallen world.

Under the supernatural inspiration of the Holy Spirit, keeping with the supernatural plan of God and purchased by the supernatural work of Christ on the cross, Paul gives us this admonition in Galatians 5:25: “Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”

“Since we live by the Spirit” (born again) “let us” (admonition) “keep in step with the Spirit” (discipline). Keeping in step with the Holy Spirit is the very definition of discipleship. Of course, we will fail. However, failure does not disqualify us from discipleship. We must learn what to do when we fail. We must be quick to repent. The good news of the gospel gives us good news in the face of this struggle. Jesus has set us free from condemnation. Now, we are called to learn to put this freedom into practice.

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**Galatians 6:1-18**

 1-2 OTHERS John 13:34-35

 3-5 OURSELVES Colossians 3:23-24

 6 LEADERS 1 Corinthians 9:7-14

 7-10 THE HOLY SPIRIT Isaiah 40:27-31

 11-15 THE GOSPEL

 16-18 A CHANGED LIFE