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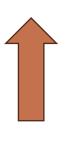
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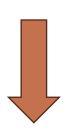
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 Galatians chapter five is a series of contrast. Paul uses positive and negative statements to convey a diction of what can be accomplished by the law or by the grace of Christ.



Positive Things
Grace, Adoption,
Freedom, Living
by the Spirit



Negative Things
Use law instated
of Grace, A life by
the flesh.



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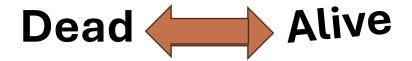




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The default condition of mankind without Christ is spiritually dead and separated from God. (Blue notes are commentary)

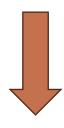


 The entirety of Galatians does have contrast but chapter 5 seems to move from one to another in a direct fashion.

#### **Chater 4 contrasts**



Sarah
Promise
New Jerusalem
Freedom



Hagar Mt. Sinai Present Jerusalem Slavery

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Freedom from What?

Yoked by what?

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#### NIV

**5** It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. **Stand firm**, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again

#### **KJV**

**Stand fast** therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

#### Stand fast in the Gospel

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"I have decided to follow Jesus No turning back"

#### Model of being steadfast

**Lamatations 3:22 (RSV)** 

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, [b] his mercies never come to an end;

- Steadfast in the gospel
- Steadfast in prayer
- Steadfast in love
- Steadfast in encouragement
- Steadfast in helping poor and widows
- Steadfast in parenthood
- Steadfast in all matters pertaining to the will of God>.

### Acts 13 Pisidian Antioch



<sup>38</sup> "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. <sup>39</sup> Through him <u>everyone who believes is set free</u> from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

<sup>2</sup> Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. <sup>3</sup> Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. 4 You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.

<sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

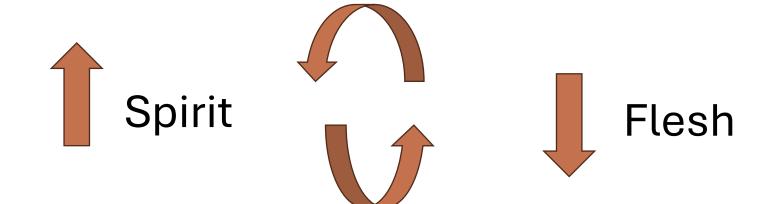
<sup>7</sup> You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? 8 That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. 9 "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough." <sup>10</sup>I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion, whoever that may be, will have to pay the penalty.

<sup>11</sup> Brothers and sisters, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. <sup>12</sup> As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!

<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup> For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

<sup>15</sup> If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

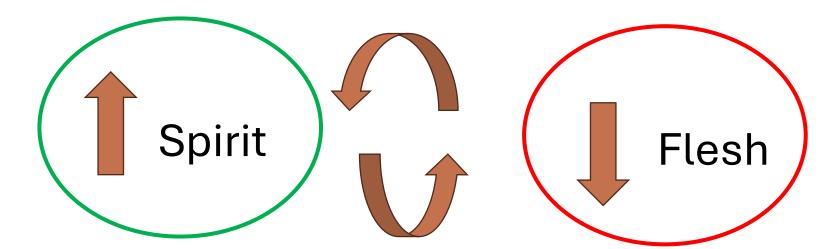
<sup>16</sup> So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want



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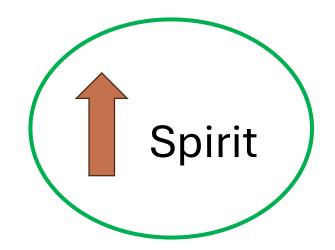
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Freedom allows this



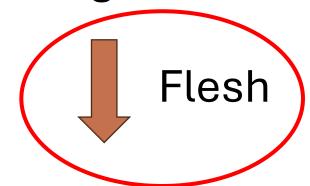
. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

#### Freedom from the Law



. <sup>19</sup> The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God...

Freedom does not allow this



<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and selfcontrol. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

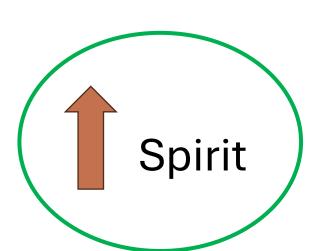
#### The Good Lists:

Gal 5:22-25 Fruits of the Spirit

Matt 5:3-12 Beatitudes

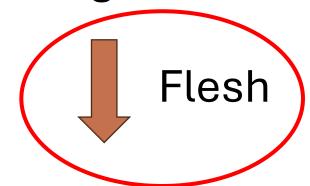
1 Cor 13 How to Have Agape Love

Philippians 4:8 Good things to think about



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Separation from God

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and the like

The list is open ended.



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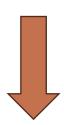
Other List

Romans 1:21-32, Rev 21:8, Col 3:5-9, 1Pet 4:3

### Revelations 21:8



• <sup>8</sup> But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."



### Colossians 3:5-9



• <sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. [b] 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices