

# THE Story

## Lesson 28 Chapter 29 Paul's Mission (Pt 5) p.429-431

1. Think back to a time in your life when you were rescued from a difficult and/or dangerous situation. How did it make you feel?

2. From the bottom of page 429 to the middle of page 430, Paul lays the foundation on which the book of Galatians rests.

What does he make clear to the churches in the region of Galatia...

about God?

about Christ?

about himself?

about the Gospel?

3. In the middle paragraph of page 430, Paul asks, "Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard?" What are the implications if they answer, "By believing"?

4. From the bottom of page 430 to the top of page 431, how does Paul attack the idea that you must follow the Jewish law and traditions to become a Christian?

5. In the second and third paragraphs on page 431, how does Paul define for us what true freedom is?

How does he define for us what true freedom is NOT?

6. In the middle paragraph on page 431, Paul summarizes first the qualities God does not want in our lives. What might be implied by the fact that the list begins with "sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery"?

7. Paul then presents what it means to "live by the Spirit and to keep in step with the Spirit." In the nine fold "fruit of the Spirit", what might be implied by the fact that the word Paul uses is "fruit" not "fruits"?

Paul begins with LOVE because all the other fruit is really an outgrowth of love. Someone has paraphrased it this way:

**Joy** is love smiling.

**Peace** is love resting.

**Patience (Forbearance)** is love waiting.

**Kindness** is love showing itself sensitive to the feelings for others.

**Goodness** is love making allowances and sacrifices for others.

**Faithfulness** is love proving constant.

**Gentleness** is love yielding.

**Self-Control** is love triumphing over selfish inclinations.

**Can you think of a story from the life of Jesus that would illustrate each "fruit"?**

To think about...which two from this list are the strongest in your life?

Which two are the weakest?

How do you think you could improve?

What is God's part and what is your part in walking "in step with the Spirit"?

8. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....sins to avoid & examples to follow

about our God... His promises to claim & His character to embrace