

**Week 2      24 May 2020**  
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**One Another**

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**“Protect One Another”**

**Galatians 5:13-26**

**Sermon Outline**

- We are not free to abuse our freedom  
(v13)
- We are simply free to Love our Neighbour  
(v14)
- This is how we overcome inner conflict and instead live in peace  
(v15-18)
- For a Christ life - is a commitment to spirit living  
(v24-25)
- Allowing us to protect others, not devour them  
(v26)

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## Small Group Questions / Discussion

How is the world's view of Freedom different from the one that the Apostle Paul taught? Which one ultimately delivers peace and joy? Why? If that's the case, why do we often desire the world's option? From your own experience how has this worked out for you in the past?

A freedom dominated by selfish thinking never really delivers. Actually it creates a lot of inner conflict at all levels of relationship. Can you share a time when selfish living actually brought about more pain than pleasure? How does our new *Christ like* heart and nature respond to selfish freedom?

Paul warns us about becoming conceited. Having a bad attitude towards others. Either we feel superior and we want to prove it all the time or we feel inferior and we resent others. This a tough question – but on a bad day - which of these are you most likely to experience. How does that affect your relationship with God, others and even yourself?

Genuinely loving your neighbour is a tough ask – We have to listen to and obey the spirits leading. It's not a freedom to do as we want - but it is a freedom to obey the law of Christ. Under the spirits leading it can actually become our genuine desire. Share together the true meaning of Ps 37:4. We can read this for selfish gain but that's not what is meant. What does God have to do in your heart and mind to be able to enjoy this true freedom?

Paul talks about devouring each other – it's a warning that we need to take seriously. Do we consider the importance of protecting each other - or is that lost to our thinking when selfish living takes over?

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