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The Practical Argument: The Effects of Liberty 5:1 to 6:10

In 1:11 to 2:21, Paul describes his personal argument, that he received an independent revelation through Yeshua Messiah. Paul declared that he was appointed an apostle by Yeshua before he met the other apostles; when he did meet them he was received as an equal. In 3:1 to 4:31 Paul defends his doctrine of justification by faith alone against the Judaizers (to see link click Ag - Who Were the Judaizers?) in his doctrinal argument.

Here, in **5:1** to **6:10 the** inspired **apostle** presents **his practical argument** designed to correct the havoc which the teaching of **the Judaizers** was causing in the personal lives of the believers in **Galatia**. In **4:19 Paul** expresses the wish that **the Galatians** would be molded **into the image of Messiah**; however, as it turned out, **the Galatians** had **left their first love** (see the commentary on **Revelation Az - The Church at Ephesus**), which before the coming of **the Judaizers** had been so obvious. This was the direct result of the **Judaizer's** legalistic teachings. **The Galatian** believers, instead of depending upon the indwelling of **the Ruach ha-Kodesh** to mold them **into the image of Messiah**, were depending upon the flesh in an attempt to perfectly obey the 613 commandments of Moshe. Accordingly, **Paul's** practical teaching emphasis the ministry of **the Ruach**, and **the Galatians** were encouraged to put **themselves** under **His** control.¹²⁵

When we get to **the fruit of the Ruach** in **5:22** and **23**, the first grouping of three, **love**, **joy**, and **peace** are **God-ward**, everything flows from that, and are all single syllable words; the second grouping of three, **patience**, **kindness**, and **goodness** are **man-ward**, how we treat each other, and are all two syllable words; and the third grouping of three, **faithfulness**, **gentleness**, **and self-control** are **in-ward**, it's how we become what **ADONAI** wants us to be, and are all three syllable words.