

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.