

Sermon Text Discussion Notes 6/7/20

Galatians 5:13-15 – “Freedom to Love” by Drew Hunter

Overview

1. The Abuse of Gospel Freedom
2. The Use of Gospel Freedom
3. The Urgency of Gospel Freedom

Quotations

“When God created the world, he made it for peace and unity.” Drew Hunter

“It is truth that faith alone justifies, without works; but I am speaking about genuine faith, which, after it has justified, will not go to sleep but is active through love.” Martin Luther (*Commentary on the Epistle to the Galatians*)

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” Martin Luther King Jr. (*Strength to Love*, 1963).

Understanding & Application

- 1) Discuss the differences between the fruit of the Spirit and much of what is seen in the daily news.
- 2) Drew discussed two abuses of gospel freedom: legalism/moralism and license. Do you have a natural tendency toward one or the other?
- 3) Do you see the unbridled pursuit of your desires as a source of freedom or of slavery? Why?
- 4) Read Galatians 5:6 and 5:13. Drew emphasized that the order faith→love→service is important. Discuss what happens if the order is changed or one of the items is left out.
- 5) Drew urged that gospel freedom is urgent. Discuss the responses he suggested. How many are you pursuing? How might you do more?
 - a. Lament. Take time to *feel*.
 - b. Learn by listening to those who have been hurt by prejudice in America.
 - c. Pray for governing authorities.
 - d. Encourage those serving faithfully in law enforcement (or planning to), and work for reform where it is needed.
 - e. Pause before posting on social media.