

COLLECTIVE

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LIFE BY THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:13-26

As followers of Jesus, our ecosystem is the kingdom of God, the church, the community of faith.

2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such confidence we have through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent ministers of a new covenant – not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

When we put our confidence in Jesus, we are delivered from the consequence of sin – death!

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What is the outcome of a Spirit-written life?

What is the definition of freedom for us as followers of Jesus?

Our freedom is the unrestricted liberty to approach God as our Father with us being His children and not an unrestricted liberty to wallow up in our own self-centeredness and selfishness to fulfil the desires of the flesh!

Our freedom is a freedom to approach God without fear, not freedom to exploit our neighbour without love.

Christian liberty is service not selfishness!

This is the meaning of love. If we love one another, we shall serve one another.

A Spirit-led life or kingdom living is a life drawn to each other because it is only in the ecosystem of a community that this life in God can be fully **experienced** and **expressed!**

I want to challenge us – how can we live our lives better for God?