Sermon Notes

BUILDING UP ONE ANOTHER (3) – SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

Galatians 5:1-15

I. Introduction

- 1. Battling against legalism vv.1-12
- 2. Warning against licentiousness v.13
- 3. The freedom that Christ has won for us on the Cross

Essentially, Christians are free from the demands of the ceremonial laws, the curses of the moral law and the dictates of the flesh. We have been freed to serve the true and living God, obey His commandments, walk by His Spirit, love our neighbours and serve one another in love.

II. Serve one another in love v.13

- 1. What/Who is a servant?
- 2. What are working against the Christian grace of serving one another?
 - a. The desires of the flesh vv.16-17
 - b. A bossy mentality
 - c. A customer mentality
 - d. An "afraid to lose out" mentality
- 3. How to serve one another in love?
 - a. Bear one another's spiritual burdens Gal 6.2
 - b. Share good things with the one who teaches us the Scriptures Gal 6.5
 - c. Do good to all especially to the household of faith Gal 6.10
 - d. Serve one another with God's varied grace-gifts 1 Pet 4.7-11

III. Watch out – Beware of biting, devouring and consuming one another v.15

"Mutual strife among brethren, if persisted in, are likely to prove a common ruin; those that devour one another are in a fair way to be consumed one of another. Christian churches cannot be ruined but by their own hands; but if Christians, who should be helps to one another and a joy one to another, be as brute beasts, biting and devouring each other, what can be expected but that the God of love should deny his grace to them, and the Spirit of love should depart from them, and that the evil spirit, who seeks the destruction of them all, should prevail?" Matthew Henry

IV. Christ our Servant King

1. In serving one another in love, we are walking in the steps of Christ who "came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10.45

2. The Servant King

From heaven you came helpless babe Entered our world, your glory veiled Not to be served but to serve And give Your life that we might live

Chorus: This is our God, The Servant King He calls us now to follow Him To bring our lives as a daily offering Of worship to The Servant King

So let us learn how to serve And in our lives enthrone Him Each other's needs to prefer For it is Christ we're serving