



THE LIFE YOU NOW LIVE **"I Live in Love" Galatians 5:1-6**

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Paul's statement, "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love," succinctly answers the legalists who imposed "Law" and the libertines who abused "Liberty." It reminds us all that genuine believers live by faith and show it in love.

I. The Life I Now Live I Live by Faith.

- A. Not governed by the Law—it serves to condemn me. 3:10-14
- B. Not dominated by the Flesh—it militates against the Spirit. 5:16-21
- C. Not controlled by the World—it seeks to distract me. 6:14
- D. But committed to Christ—the faithful One. 2:20
 - 1. He faithfully loved me.
 - 2. He faithfully gave Himself for me.
 - 3. He faithfully indwells me.
 - 4. He faithfully received me "in Christ."

II. The Life of Faith I Now Live Is Expressed in Love.

- A. The life of love is based on the love of God.
 - 1. The offer of salvation demonstrates the love of the Father. Romans 5:8
 - 2. The sacrifice of the cross proves the love of the Son.
 - 3. The experience of love is the work of the Spirit. Romans 5:5
- B. The life of love is the antidote to self-indulgence. 5:13a
- C. The life of love is committed to serving. 5:13b
- D. The life of love is "others-conscious." "Love your neighbor." 5:14

III. The Life of Love I Now Live Is Essentially Practical.

- A. The life of love recognizes and rejects the "works of the flesh." 5:19-21
- B. The life of love depends on the activity of the Spirit. 5:22-23
- C. The life of love is interested in restoring the fallen. 6:1
- D. The life of love is committed to bearing each other's burdens. 6:2
- E. The life of love avoids making invidious comparisons. 6:3-4
- F. The life of love does not abuse the kindness of others. 6:5
- G. The life of love supports pastors joyfully and generously. 6:6
- H. The life of love grasps opportunities to do people good. 6:10

Point to Ponder: So what can I say about the life I now live?