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## l. <u>Gal 5:1-7</u>

- A. <u>Stand fast</u> *stēkō* To be stationary; to persevere: continue in a state; To stand firm in faith and duty, be constant, be steadfast; Hold one's ground, maintain a position
- B. <u>"IN" the Liberty</u> *ĕlĕuthĕria* Personal freedom from servitude, confinement or oppression; free from restrictions
  - 1. <u>Servitude</u> A condition in which one lacks liberty to determine one's course of action or way of life.
  - 2. Confinement To hold within border or keep within limits
  - 3. **Oppression** Unjust or cruel exercise of authority or power
- C. <u>Gal 5:1 The Passion Translation</u> Let me be clear, <u>the Anointed One</u> has set us free—not partially, but completely and wonderfully free! We must always cherish <u>this</u> <u>truth</u> and stubbornly refuse to go back into the <u>bondage</u> of our past.
  - 1. We cherish THIS TRUTH The TRUTH brings freedom
  - 2. John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life
  - 3. John 8:31-32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
  - 4. John 8:36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.
  - 5. **Propaganda** biased information designed to shape public opinion and behavior
    - a) *"Propaganda is a truly terrible weapon in the hands of an expert"* Adolph Hitler, 1924
- D. Gal 5:1 TPT Refuse to go back to the bondage of our past
  - 1. **Truth** = Freedom, Lies and Deception = **Bondage**
  - 2. **Entangled** *ěněchō* To hold in or upon; ensnare, subject or under control of.
  - 3. <u>Matt 24:24</u> 24...to deceive, if possible, even the elect.
  - 4. <u>2 Tim 3:12-17</u>
  - 5. Eph 6:11-13 Wrestle not against flesh and blood

## II. Christianity in Politics

- A. <u>Charles Finney</u> The Church must take right ground in regard to politics...Politics are a part of a religion in such a country as this, and Christians must do their duty to the country as part of their duty to God...God will bless or curse this nation, according to the course Christians take in politics.
  - 1. **Prov 14:34** 34 Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.
  - 2. Prov 29:2 2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice...
- B. <u>**President Woodrow Wilson**</u>: A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to

do a futile thing if we do not know where we have come from, or what we have been about.

- C. <u>Bill of Rights 1st Amendment of the United States</u>: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.
  - 1. Based on two clauses:
    - a) **Establishment Clause** Prohibited the federal government from establishing a single national denomination
    - b) **Free Exercise Clause** Prohibited the federal government from interfering with the people's public religious expressions and acknowledgments
- III. Gal 5:6-13
  - A. Working ĕnĕrgĕō Active, efficient; cause to function
  - B. <u>Hindered</u> anakŏptō To beat or drive back, impede or prevent
  - C. Persuasion pĕismŏnē Communication to convince, induce or persuade