I. Gal 5:1-6
   A. PROGRESSION of LIBERTY:
      1. DEFINE LIBERTY
      2. DECLARE LIBERTY
      3. DEFEND LIBERTY

II. DEFINE LIBERTY
   A. Stand fast - stēkō -
      1. To stand firm; to persevere, to be constant, hold one’s ground, maintain a position
   B. “IN” the Liberty - ēlēuthēria - Personal freedom from servitude, confinement or oppression
      1. Servitude - Freedom of choice
      2. Confinement - Freedom from limitation or restrictions
      3. Oppression - Freedom from unjust authority
   C. John 8:36 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.
   D. Rom 6:12-23 NLT - Slave to sin free in Christ
   E. Ps 119:44-45 NKJV 44 So shall I keep Your law continually, Forever and ever. 45 And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Your precepts.
   F. John 8:31-32 31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

III. DECLARE LIBERTY
   A. Declaration of Independence - 1776 - 27 grievances
      1. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.
      2. Abraham Lincoln - “a rebuke and a stumbling-block to tyranny and oppression.”
   B. Rom 10:10 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
      1. Unto - eis - To or into; Toward a direction or goal; A preposition used to express result
      2. Salvation - soteria - Delivered, safety, rescued, health, preserved from danger
   C. Heb 10:23 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

IV. DEFEND LIBERTY
   A. Liberty Declared must be Defended
1. **Philem 2** 2 to the beloved Apphia, Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

2. **2 Tim 2:3-4** 3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

3. **1 Peter 5:8-10** 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

4. **1 Tim 6:11-12** 11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.