



## Questions:

1. Where do you find divisions in the modern world?
2. Why does Paul dismiss ideas of both literalism and non-literalism?
3. If trust and love win over legalism, how does that change how we live?
4. What are some of the Christian “straightjackets” that restrict people?
5. What can help us move away from ideas of who is right and who is wrong?
6. What does Paul’s message of freedom mean for you?

## EPISODE TITLE: “Episode 5”

Abrasive Grace, Episode 5

### Featured Guest: Susan Smith

Dr. Susan K. Smith is a global thinker with a vast knowledge of current social justice, racial-ethnic, and political events. Since she became pastor of Advent United Church of Christ in Columbus, Ohio, in 1990, the church’s membership has increased from five members to about 300. In addition to outreach ministries to the city’s poor, the church is known for its focus on social justice for all races, ethnicities, genders, and sexual preferences. Smith has worked to empower urban youth through an annual summer arts program, and she launched a thriving community garden to help decrease hunger in the community.

### Pneuma Divina Scripture: Galatians 5:6

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working through love.

### Pneuma Divina Scripture: Galatians 2: 15-21

15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup>yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. <sup>17</sup>But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup>But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. <sup>19</sup>For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; <sup>20</sup>and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup>I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.