

Living Free

Freedom
Message 10

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► Outline

So Christ has really set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

Galatians 5:1 (NLT)

Spiritual Freedom is... (Galatians 5:2-15)

1. Found in God's _____ .

(Galatians 5:2-4. C/R: Acts 15:10-11; Romans 3:20,28; 6:14; James 2:10)

2. Faith expressed through _____ .

(Galatians 5:5-10. C/R: Acts 20:23; 2 Corinthians 3:17; James 2:14-20; 1 John 3:23)

3. Freedom to _____ others.

(Galatians 5:11-15. C/R: Matthew 22:37-40; Romans 13:10; Titus 1:10-11; 1 Peter 2:16)

Answers: 1. grace 2. love 3. serve

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, Scripture verses are from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation (NLT). C/R refers to a 'cross reference.' Today's outline and discussion guide are available through the Brookwood Church app.

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to study the Bible and pursue a deeper relationship with God. Check out other Bible study tools at biblegateway.com, biblestudytools.com or blueletterbible.org.

Conversation Starter

When you think of *freedom*, what comes to mind?

Opening in Prayer

Thank God for freedom and life. Spend a few minutes quieting your heart, asking God to guide your time in study and personal reflection.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Galatians was written by the apostle Paul to several early Christian communities in the province of Galatia, which is modern-day Turkey (see [Acts 13-14](#)). In this letter, Paul addresses how these young Christians were being misled and missing out on the true freedom found only in the *Good News* of Jesus Christ.

Read [Galatians 5:1-15](#).

1. Imagine talking with Paul about this passage of Scripture. What questions would you ask him?
2. What does it mean to be **free in Christ**? How is Christian freedom different than the freedom we hear about in our culture?
See also: [James 4:1-4](#); [1 John 2:15-17](#).
3. What are some present-day threats to our spiritual freedom?
4. What are practical ways to stand firm against these threats?
See also: [1 Corinthians 15:58](#); [16:13-14](#).
5. A repeated theme in Galatians is *justification by faith*. What does that phrase mean? See also: [Romans 3:23-28](#); [4:4-5](#).
6. What's the difference between being religious and expressing faith through love? Give examples.

7. How could your relationship with Jesus become more of a treasure for you? How would your life be different?
8. Paul compares the Galatians to runners in a race and to a batch of dough ([vs. 7-9](#)). What do these illustrations teach you about life as a Christian?
9. What does it mean that the cross is offensive ([vs. 11](#))?
See also: [1 Corinthians 1:18](#); [2 Corinthians 2:14-16](#).
10. What are some ways in which the misuse of Christian freedom could lead to self-indulgence?
11. What truth or Bible verse from this week's teaching is most significant to you? Why?

Soul Training

Get outside and take a walk sometime this week. Create space for your soul to breathe. No agenda. Not something squeezed into your schedule. Simply take some time to enjoy God's creation and the privilege of being alive. Allow gratitude and beauty to become fuel for your life.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: [Joshua 1:1-9](#)

Day 4: [Philippians 4:1-9](#)

Day 2: [Colossians 1:15-23](#)

Day 5: [1 Peter 2:13-25](#)

Day 3: [Psalm 119:41-48](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

We'll continue our *Living Free* series on **Galatians** with a message titled NEW LIFE. To prepare read [Galatians 5:16-26](#).



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