

# THE GOSPEL SETS US FREE

When we live in a world where our performance defines our success, it's easy to believe that working harder earns greater rewards. While there's nothing wrong with hard work, it can become dangerous when we start believing that our efforts can earn our way to heaven. In his letter to the Galatians, Paul warns that heaven cannot be achieved through our efforts or rule-keeping. True freedom can only come through Christ who frees us from the need to perform and invites us to trust in His finished work!

## FREEDOM FROM PERFORMANCE

Many assume eternal life must also be earned because it's so often taught and modelled by the world we live in. But Paul reminds us that while the law reveals what is right and wrong, it cannot save us (Galatians 3:23-24). Despite knowing the truth, the Galatians were slipping back into the old system that once enslaved them. Paul reminds us that nothing outside of Christ can save or sustain us. Real freedom is found only in trusting what Jesus has already done, not in trying to earn God's approval through our own performance.

## FREEDOM FROM FALSE TEACHERS

Despite their relationship with Paul, the Galatians resisted correction after being deceived by false

teachers. We may judge the Galatians for how quickly they fell to deception, but the truth these false teachers persist even today through social media or popular ideologies that distort the gospel. Scripture warns that false teachers will arise even within the church (Acts 20:29 – 30, 2 Peter 2:1), and their motives will most often be selfish. Therefore, we must stay alert and test all teachings. Any message that denies Jesus Christ is God is false (1 John 4:1–3).

## FREEDOM TO PARTAKE IN PROMISES

Through the gospel, God has given us the freedom to inherit His promises (Galatians 4:7). But if we choose to insist on our good works, then we lose sight of the gospel's power and truth in our lives. Paul uses the story of Sarah and Hagar to illustrate this, pointing out that Isaac was born through God's promise, while Ishmael was born through human effort (Galatians 4:28–30). One received the inheritance, and the other was sent away. When our firm foundation in faith stands on Christ alone, then we experience the genuine freedom of God's promises as His children (Galatians 5:1).

### last week's memory verse

Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

GALATIANS 4:7

### discuss this message

- What type of salvation through performance did you formerly adhere to? (Ex. I am saved because of good works, church attendance, baptism) What helped you become free from this kind of belief?
- What other areas in life does God want you to experience freedom?
- What is God telling you to do to become truly free from those struggles?

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5:00 PM

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3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

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# Take heart, Jesus is the Light in the darkness.

Allow us to listen and pray for you at the Welcome Center!

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**BIBLE LESSON PREMIERE:** for ages 4-12

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1

**Broken Relationships:**  
Reclaiming God's Design in the Family

2

**Broken Self-Worth:**  
Restoring God's Image in the Next Generation

3

**Cultivating a Heart for the Broken Souls**

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**Broken Barriers:**  
Bringing the Church Closer to the Communities

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YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

**God brought you here for His purpose.**

**God loves you.**

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9

**God is holy.**

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

**God is merciful.**

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

**God is gracious.**

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

**Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?**

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

**God keeps His promises.**

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. – 1 John 5:11-13

**We are willing to listen and improve!**

If you have any concerns and feedback, our pastors are willing to listen.

Email them along with your name at

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