Sunday, August 20, 2017 Pastor Brad Davis Freedom



Galatians 5:1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

• Its **purpose** is to help the Galatian people continue to <u>live</u>

in <u>freedom</u>

Galatians 1:6-7

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷ which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.

How do I <u>live</u> for <u>God</u>?

Genesis 2:8-9

⁸ Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹ The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

- Tree of <u>Life</u>
- Tree of the Knowledge of <u>Good</u> and <u>Evil</u>

Genesis 2:16-17

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" ⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

- One focuses on rules and regulations
- The other focuses on a relationship

Romans 10:9

⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

- One focuses on what **you** have done
- The other focuses on what <u>Jesus</u> has done

John 5:39-40

³⁹ You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

- One focuses on getting God's approval
- The other focuses on receiving God's love

1 John 4:19

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

- One focuses on **external** duty
- The other focuses on *internal* desire

1 John 5:3

³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome

- Fall in love with Jesus (John 14:15)
- Fight against condemnation (Romans 8:1-2)
- Choose <u>daily</u> (Deuteronomy 30:19)