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Freedom



- The **purpose** of this letter was to help the Galatian people continue to **live in freedom** (Galatians 5:1)
- We have two different **brands** of **Christianity**

Galatians 2:11-13

¹¹ When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³ The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

Galatians 2:15-16

¹⁵ "We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶ know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in^[a] Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

Galatians 2:20-21

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

- You have to live the **crucified** life

Matthew 16:21-25

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

- If you truly want to live in **freedom** than something in you has to **die**

Romans 6:6-7

⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin — ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

- Our **old self** has to die so we can be free from **sin**
 - We need to crucify **ourselves**

1 Corinthians 15:31

³¹ I face death every day—yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 3:30

³⁰ He must become greater; I must become less."

- It is a matter of **humility**
- We need to crucify our **flesh**

Galatians 5:24

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

- Live by your **convictions** not your **opinions**
- We need to crucify the **world**

Galatians 6:14

¹⁴ May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

- We need to develop a **world filter**
- You can't expect to **stay** in the world and live in **freedom**