

Your Liberation by Grace – Galatians 4:8-20

Intro: Do you know how it feels to be free? The Gospel is the foundation for true faith, which is also the basis of freedom or liberation through the grace of God.

I. Liberated from _____ Beliefs – 4:8-11

A. Counterfeit _____ – 4:8

To know God means that we have knowledge about Him that when believed we live in freedom from that which is false. To be known by God means that the Lord knows those who are His through a relationship that He began.

B. Counterfeit _____ – 4:9

C. Counterfeit _____ – 4:10-12

II. Liberated from _____ Thinking – 4:12-15

Paul and Galatians allowed God's grace to flow from their lives and kept them from faulty thinking towards one another.

A. Paul's Concern for _____ Need – 4:12-13

1. Set aside being a Jew for their benefit.
2. Struggled through sickness for their benefit.

B. Galatians' Concern for _____ Need – 4:13-15

III. Liberated to Stay _____ – 4:16-20

A. Don't Give _____ – 4:16

B. Don't Give _____ – 4:17-18

C. Don't Give _____ – 4:19-20

Conclusion: Do you know how it feels to be free?

This is what the Lord Jesus wants each of us to know, freedom or liberation by grace – John 8:36.

Small Group Questions

1. Do you think positively or negatively when you hear the word “liberation” in connection to our culture? Explain.
2. Explain in simple terms from Sunday’s message what the term “liberation” means.
3. Read Galatians 4:8-10 – Before becoming Christians, to what counterfeits were the Galatians enslaved?
4. Explain how counterfeit growth in the Christian life can take place.
5. Read Galatians 4:12-15. How did Paul express his concern for the Galatians and how did the Galatians do the same toward Paul? What example did they both establish for us to follow.
6. What are some faulty ways of thinking that can keep us from caring for others?
7. Read Galatians 4:16-20. From these verses, explain the degree to which Paul was committed to staying faithful in mentoring/discipling the Galatians?
8. Based on what Paul wrote, how difficult is the task of staying faithful to helping others grow in Christ? What is a good response to have when the work becomes hard?
9. How is God challenging you to think differently?
10. What is a key lesson from this study to apply to your life?