

## **Galatians**

Free from What Other People Think

**Religion is man's attempt to appease God and earn His favor by working hard enough and being good enough.**

"As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!" Galatians 5:12

"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." Galatians 5:1

**Indications that you might be held prisoner by what other people think:**

- You go along with what others think and then you resent it later.
- You change what you believe or change what you express based on who's in the room.
- You avoid social settings or you never want to miss out.
- You have a hard time asking for help because you don't want other people to think that you're incapable or that you don't have what it takes.
- You exaggerate the truth to impress.

**Jesus sets us free from all of this by giving us a new identity.**

*"My authority for writing to you does not come from any popular vote of the people." Galatians 1:1 (The Message)*

*"Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ." Galatians 1:10*

*"My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me." Galatians 2:20*

*"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:26-28*