



Free to Live

A Sunday teaching series at King's

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Series Description

This series, from the book of Galatians, is for those who are wanting to live their life in a place of freedom; free from annoying & harmful habits, addictions, and free to enjoy life and relationships. We'll explain where this freedom is found and how you can walk in it.

Dates & Themes

15th Jan	Gospel gone wrong
22nd Jan	From terrorist to evangelist
5th Feb	Good News for all, including the poor
12th Feb	The life I now live
19th Feb	The key to spiritual life
26th Feb	Promised, paid & delivered
5th Mar	Slaves & orphans to sons & daughters
12th Mar	Old habits die hard
19th Mar	True freedom to love others
2nd Apr	A new way of living
9th Apr	Generous hearted living

Recommended Reading

[Tim Keller](#) | [Galatians For You](#)

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LIFE Groups: Learning, Integration, Friendship, Everyone a witness



Title: Two ways to live

Speaker: Toby Skipper

Bible Reference: Galatians 3:7-14

Summary

In this passage, Paul sets out two ways we can live and seeks to show the Galatians how foolish (and impossible) it is to rely on the law to enable them to be in a right relationship (justified) before God.

1st way to live is to rely on works of the law (your performance) to be in right relationship with god – v10

Law was given to Israel AFTER saved from slavery *NOT a moral obstacle course* to get to God or be saved by God

- Some teaching by relying on observance of the law you will be put in right standing with God.
- If that's the case then you need to do everything - because as the law says – cursed if don't (Deut 27:26)"
- If we rely on observance of the Law (our moral performance) to make us right with God we're under a curse
- If we insist on relating to God through our own good works the result will be anxiety, insecurity (when is good enough; good enough?) and comparison with others (pride or self-deprecating).
- So why the law? The Law highlights our sin (Romans 3:20), highlights our inability & highlights our need for Jesus.

2nd way to live - rely on the work of christ v9

Galatians 2:20 "The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me & *gave himself for me*"

Faith is laying hold of Christ personally.

1. **Believe the promise** - v13 "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us..."
 - Col 2:13-14 "*He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the charge of the law, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.*"
 - Where we fail, he succeeds; where we slip, he stayed strong; where we give in, he resisted; we die HE LIVES!
 - Stott "Christ is God doing his best for us; not us doing our best for God" *Result* = Blessing – READ Rom 4:7-8
2. **Receive power** - v14 "Receive the promise of the Holy Spirit" – READ 4:6-7 "Spirit... Abba... no longer slave"
 - The promise of new power at work in our life enabling us to live & love differently
READ Gal 5:6 & 16-25
3. **Expect progress** – every day we are to "live by faith in the Son of God, *who loved me & gave himself for me*"
 - Brennan Manning "We try to live so that he will love us, rather than living because he has already loved us."

Questions

1. Faith is taking hold of Christ personally. Have you believed the promise in V13 & Col 2:13-14? Maybe share when this happened to you and the effect it had (is having) on your life.
2. In what way is faith in Jesus being expressed in your life at the moment (Gal 2:20)? What are you believing God to do for you that you can't possibly do for yourself?
3. The news that we don't have to rely on our performance to be in a right relationship with God is good news – where are you seeking to share that news with others? Everyone a witness.