



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: The Offence of the Cross

Speaker: Marcus Tutt

Bible Reference: Galations 5:1-15

Overview

The message of the cross can sound offensive and indeed it does offend our sense of self-righteousness and pride but when we come to understand what Jesus really did for us it brings a wonderful freedom and joy. It's ironic that we can find such offence with God in the very place where he is bearing in himself, his legitimate offence at our sin.

In verse 11 Paul says that if he is still preaching circumcision then the offence of the cross has been removed. A gospel where we are saved by Jesus' work on the cross plus something we do *ie. circumcision, certain diet, reading the bible, good works etc* may be less offensive but it's invalid. We are saved, forgiven, accepted and adopted simply by faith in what Jesus has done.

Questions

1. Salman Rushdie said *"We have come to think of taking offence as a fundamental right. We value very little more highly than our rage, which gives us, in our opinion, the moral high ground. From this high ground we can shoot down at our enemies and inflict heavy fatalities."* Why do you think people can be so quick to take offence at things like cartoons, ideas, tweets, criticism, remarks etc?
2. In what ways can the cross or the gospel sound offensive to us or others?
(possible answers: crucifixion is gruesome; the Jews saw it as a curse *ie. how can God's hero, come to save the day, end up being hung on a tree*; the cross reveals our sin and need of saving; the cross gives grace to even the vilest offender; the cross punctures our pride in that we can't save ourselves; the cross promises pain as it is a pattern for our lives - Jesus says pick up your cross; "won't people carry on sinning"; "How can my sin be placed on someone else"; "Its exclusive. Surely there are other ways to be saved" etc...)
3. How would you help someone (or yourself) overcome the offence of the cross to find freedom and joy in Jesus?
4. What encourages you to continue to share the gospel even though it may well cause offence?