

Main Idea: Anything added to the Gospel of Christ disqualifies it from being the Gospel.

Series – Galatians

The letter to the Galatian churches shouts to every Christ-follower, "You are free! Now live like it!" My prayer is that by the end of this six-part series, you will know freedom in Christ like never before! Even if you've grown up in church, you may not know freedom like you should.

Free from Sin

The problem in Galatia was that Gentile believers were being pressured into traditional Jewish behaviors and traditions. The cross of Christ is God's rescue plan for all of humankind. We are liberated from sin...

- **Consequences – Justification.** Jesus Christ delivered me from the consequences of sin.
- **Power – Sanctification.** I am gradually saved from the power of sin in my daily life.
- **Presence – Glorification.** In my eternal state I am freed from the presence of sin forever.

Pride of a Legalist

The Judaizers insisted that belief in Jesus was not enough for salvation. One must also keep the Law of Moses, they said. This meant the observance of many festivals and holy days, ceremonial rights, and especially circumcision. If Galatians emphasizes anything, it is that Christ alone is sufficient for salvation—*nothing more and nothing less*. But that's NOT good enough for the legalist. The tip-off is v.10. There's no pride in Christ alone. The legalist takes pride in everything he/she produces. My legalism makes me feel superior to you.

Nonconformity

Nonconformity is an important part of freedom in Christ. Unity in the church is the goal NOT uniformity. Galatians 1 teaches us that...

1. **Those who seek to please only God are unshakeable within.** When we seek only to worship and serve only Christ our spirit becomes almost invincible.
2. **Those who stop trying to please people are not intimidated by them.** How well do you handle the pressure others try to put on you?
3. **Those who are true servants of Christ think and act independently.** If you find this difficult, maybe you should examine your motive? Who are you trying to please?

Family Night Big idea – Read Galatians 1:1-10

You want your children to understand that good behavior reflects our love for Jesus; it's not our way to heaven.

- **Elementary School** – Ask, "Who sent Paul to the churches in Galatia? What did the people forget (v.6)? Who was Paul trying to please most (v.10)?"
- **Middle/ High School** – Ask, "Why do you think people add things to Christ's death and resurrection? What should motivate us to live clean lives? What is the best thing about living to please God?"

Prayer: "Heavenly Father we want to please You and not worry so much about what others think. Amen."

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: Slip N Slide Event this Wednesday, 6:30pm.

Gravity: Today in both services in Velocity Theater.

Today's Songs

Awesome is the Lord Most High.....Chris Tomlin

Blessed Assurance.....Third Day

The Lord's Prayer.....Matt Maher

Promotion Sunday

On August 4th children who will attend Pre-School this year will be promoted to KidsJAM. Kids who start the 6th grade this year will be promoted to Velocity. We will recognize these two groups in both services that Sunday. Look for Parent Letter at sign in.

Christmas in July

KidsJAM Event at Southern Pottery and Art Studio at 43 East Main Street, Statesboro to paint a Christmas ornament this Wednesday, July 17th from 12:30 – 2pm. If you have reserved a spot, we will see you there!

Velocity Ski Trip

Time to mark your calendar and start saving for the ski trip! We will head to West Virginia on Jan. 17th – 20th.

PlusONE

Add something to your faithwalk this summer, especially if you will miss being at church! Check out the brochure in the lobby and ask us for help!