

SUMMARY

Pastor Tim Millsaps took us through several of Paul's letters to the churches where he ministered. The common thread through all these passages we read was "freedom". We looked at what freedom is and isn't, why it's important, and how we can keep it. The title of the message was, "A Letter to the Church in Chattanooga".

1. Galatians: Freedom in restraint (Galatians 6:19-21)

- The freedom given to us by Christ is not a freedom to do what we want, rather it's a new-found freedom to restrain yourself. Why do so many misunderstand what freedom in Christ means?
- Read Galatians 6:19-21 as a group. Is there is something listed here that has crept back into your life, and if so, how can you regain that freedom you once had?

2. Ephesians: Freedom is always under attack (Ephesians 6:10-20)

- As a group, read Ephesians 6:10-20. Who is it that is ultimately attacking our freedom?
- Which armament listed in this passage do you need to be more intentional to use? How will you do so?

3. Philippians: Freedom's plumb line is peace (Philippians 4:4-7)

APPLICATION

- How would you rate your peace these days?
- Pastor Tim shared two steps to overcoming fear: (1) Back off the news (2) Pray prayers of thanksgiving. How can you put these two steps into practice in your life this week?

4. Romans: Freedom's goal is to be like Jesus (Romans 8:26-30)

• There are bad things that either happened to us (which were "Father-filtered"), or bad things which we have done (that are "Father-forgotten"). All of these things are intended to help us look more like Jesus. How can you allow a "bad thing" from your past to shape you more into the image of Christ?

5. Colossians: Freedom isn't free (Colossians 1:19-20)

• Our freedom was bought by Jesus on the cross. How can this reality give you a greater appreciate for your freedom, and a greater love for Him?

PRAYER

Pray that we would walk in our freedom, not misuse it, and help others enjoy their freedom in Christ.







