



Free from the Law

RECAP

This week's focus: Do not add to your salvation...it is by GRACE alone, through FAITH alone, and in CHRIST alone.

The Apostle Paul had started many churches while on his missionary journey through Galatia. Paul had taught them that salvation started and ended with God. He told them that it was by GRACE alone that you have been saved, through FAITH, and this is not from yourselves, but the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. But sometime later, false leaders came to the church teaching that salvation in Christ alone is not enough. You needed first to become a Jew and follow the Old Testament LAW, that you must be circumcised. That salvation is both by faith and by following the LAW. What is good about the news of salvation if you believe that you can achieve it on your own?

Paul heard this was happening to the churches in Galatia and wrote this letter to set them straight. Who bewitched you? Who taught you that salvation comes from the LAW? The LAW was a prison for us and made us slaves. God gave the LAW to show us how far we have fallen. The LAW was meant to show us our need for a savior, a rescuer, and it points us to Jesus. Whoever lived by the works of the LAW was cursed and the sentence was death because no one could keep the LAW perfectly. But we are set FREE and redeemed from being slaves to the LAW by the work of Christ. God has chosen us, adopted us, and made us His heirs. He has given you the Spirit of His Son and we cry "Abba! Father!"



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SHARE (5-10 min)

Icebreaker Question: What is one rule growing up that you hated? Did you ever intentionally break that rule? Why or why not?

STUDY (about 30 min) Read Galatians 3:19 – 4:9

1. What about the reading or message on Sunday stood out to you? Is there anything that was unclear, or that you have questions about?
2. What does salvation mean to you? What would be your own personal definition of salvation?
3. What purpose does the LAW serve?
4. What is the role of the LAW in your life as a Christian?
5. Why do you think you can't keep the LAW even with the HOLY SPIRIT living within you?
6. What is the relationship between God's grace and our sins? Are you bound by sin?
7. How are you experiencing the "FREEDOM" from the LAW and living under GRACE in your own personal life?
8. How does one become a son or a daughter of God? What does this truth mean to you?
9. As a child of God, do you behave like a slave or more like an heir?
10. How do you struggle with doubt when it comes to your faith in Christ? What specifically are your doubts that you struggle with? Can you use these doubts in your own life to move closer to God? How?

SUPPORT (15 min)

Pray: Ask God to help you experience what it means to have "FREEDOM" from the LAW and to live in God's grace. Pray for one another over the struggles and doubts that were shared today with the group.