

The Gospel of Freedom

#1 in Series: *Set Free to Live Free*

(The book of Galatians)

Galatians 1:1-5

¹ Paul, an apostle (not *sent* from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead), ² and all the brethren who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom *be* the glory forevermore. Amen.

Philippians 2:13 (NKJV) “for it is God who works in you both to will and to do (work) for His good pleasure.”

Galatians 3:24 (NASB) “Therefore the Law has become our tutor *to lead us* to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.”

Legalism –

Antinominalism – (Merriam-Webster Dictionary) “*Antinomianism* (from the Greek: ἀντί, “against” + νόμος, “law”), is any view which rejects laws or legalism and is against moral, religious, or social norms ...”

1 Corinthians 15:3b-4 (NASB)

“³... Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures”

Jerusalem Council in A.D. 50 (Acts 15)

1. A Messenger of the Gospel of Freedom (1:1-2)

(Gal. 4:12–20)

Warren Wiersbe - Apostle was “*one who is sent with a commission.*” (Mark 3:13–19)

Acts 1:21-22 (NASB)

²¹ Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us— ²² beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these *must* become a witness with us of His resurrection.”

Acts 2:32 (NASB) “This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.”

Acts 3:15 (NASB) “but put to death the Prince of life, *the one* whom God raised from the dead, *a fact* to which we are witnesses.”

Acts 15:36 (NASB) “After some days Paul said to Barnabas, ‘Let us return and visit the brethren in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, *and see* how they are.’”

2 Corinthians 11:28 (NASB) “Apart from *such* external things, there is the daily pressure on me *of* concern for all the churches.”

(1 Thess. 2)

2. The Message of the Gospel of Freedom (1:3-5)

Galatians 2:19-21 (NASB) “¹⁹ For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness *comes* through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.”

Galatians 3:1 (NASB) “You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed *as* crucified?”

Galatians 3:13 (NASB) “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”

Galatians 4:5 (NASB) “so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

Galatians 5:11 (NASB) “But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been abolished.

Galatians 5:24 (NASB) “²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Galatians 6:12-14 (NASB) “¹² Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh try to compel you to be circumcised, simply so that they will not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For those who are circumcised do not even keep the Law themselves, but they desire to have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh. ¹⁴ But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”

➤ **The Action Needed:** “gave Himself for our sins

➤ **The Problem to Resolve:** “this present evil age”

Matthew 7:13 (NASB) “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.”

➤ **The Purpose of the Gospel:** “rescue us.” (*exaireō*, “to deliver someone from peril or confining circumstance, set free, deliver, rescue” (BDAG 344, 2).)

Galatians 2:21b (NASB) “... if righteousness *comes* through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.”

➤ **The Source of the Rescue:** “According to the will of our God and Father.”

John 3:16a “For God so loved the world...”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NASB)

“¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰ For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.”

1 Corinthians 10:31-33 (NASB)

“³¹ Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ³² Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God; ³³ just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit but the *profit* of the many, so that they may be saved.”