

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: Galatians 5:1-13a

Current Series: Free (A Study in Galatians)

Message Title: Too Valuable To Lose

Galatians 5:1 - It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Gal 5:13a - You, my brothers, were called to be free.

1. _____ in the face of _____

Gal 5:2-4,9 - Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. ³Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁹"A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough."

2. _____ in the face of _____

Gal 5:5-6,10 - But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. ¹⁰I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion will pay the penalty, whoever he may be.

3. _____ in the face of _____

Gal 5:7-8,11-12 – You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? ⁸That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. ¹¹Brothers, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. ¹²As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Galatians 5:1-13a

1. Think back over your faith experience. If you're a Christ-follower, how has your view of the church changed since coming to faith in Jesus?
2. How does knowing you are called to be free make a difference in your faith?
3. Think through the main points of this message. Practically speaking, how can these outline points keep you **standing firm** in the freedoms that are yours in Christ?
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4. Have religious practices ever distracted you from focusing on the Lord? How were you affected? How has your personal faith journey changed since that time?
5. How do you hope to apply this message focus in your life? What do you hope will change for the better in your relationship with the Lord?