

Galatians

Part 10: 8.9.09: Freedom

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[THE SET UP]

Read Galatians 5.1-15

According to Paul, why has Christ set us free?

Based on this passage what exactly is that freedom?

Based on what you know about this letter, what would Paul say it means to “return to a yoke of slavery?”

Why would the Galatians want to return to that place of slavery?

[A CLOSER LOOK]

Based on what Paul says here we have two choices. We can follow the path of freedom or we can follow the path of slavery. Paul says that there are some significant things that happen down both path.

If you chose to follow the path of slavery here’s what you get.

Read Galatians 5.3

Paul is saying that we become wholly dependant on what enslaves us to bring us life. What kind of places do people look for life that only result in more slavery?

What kind of results does this yield?

Read Galatians 5.4

What do you think it means to be severed from Christ and fallen away from grace?

Based on our choice to follow the path of slavery, does this say God leaves us?

Why would anyone want to chose to separate themselves in this way?

What impact does this have on our life?

Paul clearly states what happens when we chose the path of Freedom as well.

Read Galatians 5.5

Paul says that our focus shifts from backwards to forwards. How does slavery cause us to look backwards?

Read Revelation 21.1-5

What do we have to look forward to?

Read Galatians 5.13-15

Paul says our focus shifts from inward to outward

How does the path of slavery cause us to look inward?

How does freedom cause us to focus outward?

We also shift from a isolated focus to a communal focus.

How does community impact our life based on these 3 verses?

[GETTING PERSONAL]

Which path do you chose more often? Do you chose the path of slavery or freedom?

How does it impact your life?

Are you focused backwards or forwards?

Are you focused inward or outward?

Is your focus isolated or communal?

[NEXT STEPS]

This week work to identify when you come to these crossroads. What will you do to chose the path of freedom?