

FREEDOM

A Sermon Series on the Letter to the Galatians

Discussion: October 24, 2021 ||| Where's The Evidence?

KEY TEXTS: Galatians 5V7-26

7 You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10 I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. 11 But if I, brothers,[b]still preach[c] circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. 12 I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

Do you think this is a petty issue Paul has brought up?

Do you think a tiny negative shift in your behavior can have huge consequences or outcomes? How so?

Do you think a tiny positive shift can do the same? What shifts do you think God is telling you to make?

Do you think a small movement on truth can compromise the mission of God?

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Is your freedom in Christ for you? If no, what is it for? If yes, are you using your freedom for the mission of God? Why or why not?

READ ALOUD: Galatians 5v16-26

Once you're following Jesus on his path ("the way"), Paul says there is an objective conversation that needs to happen between followers of Jesus about what walking that path looks like. Have you ever had that conversation? Why or why not?

Is this "way" of Jesus just more rules? Why or why not?