

DISCUSS

What are the two major problems Paul wrote to the Galatians about?

How did Paul argue for the legitimacy of his apostleship through chapters 1–2?

How does Paul view the difference in his gospel-mission from that of Peter and the other apostles (see 2:7–8)?

What did Kyle describe as Paul's primary concern about the influence of the Judaizers on the new Gentile converts in the Galatian church?

How is legalistic religion different from the gospel?

What can we say about the Galatians based on Paul's description in verse 2?

What does it mean to pursue perfection “by means of the flesh”?

How does the gospel free us from pride?

According to verse 2, what does Paul imply about the role we play in becoming transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Why do you think Paul brought up the example of Abraham at this point?

How was Abraham made righteous before God?

According to verse 8, what did the Scripture foresee?

How should this fact influence the way you think about the Old Testament? Are there ways in which you've neglected a serious study of the Old Testament?

What does Paul say makes someone a true child of Abraham?

How do we receive the promised Holy Spirit?

What do these truths mean in terms of our works of obedience?

What is the "promise" Paul is referring to?

What are the four reasons Paul gives in this passage that make the promise superior to the Law?

As you think back on your life before Christ, what are some ways you were working for a kind of salvation? In what ways did you experience the kind of imprisonment Paul describes in verse 22?

How did God begin to show you the fruitlessness of your ways?

What are some practical changes that have occurred in your life since embracing the freedom of the gospel?

Where do you struggle with freedom today? In what ways are you tempted to return to the imprisonment of your life before Christ?

How should the hope of verses 25–29 influence your temptation? In what ways could you intentionally focus on anchoring yourself in the truth that you are a child of God this week?

LIVE IT OUT

Pray: Ask God to teach you what it means to be free in Him this week. If you encounter legalism in your life, present it to God in prayer.

Study: Learn more about Abraham's journey of faith in Genesis 12, 15–16, 21–22. Follow up your study by reading Hebrews 11:8–19.

Create: Make something to remind yourself of your freedom in Christ. Display your creation in a place you'll notice often.

Memorize: Commit Galatians 3:26–28 to memory this week to remember how Jesus unifies all believers as children of God.

List: Make a list of the ways you've experienced freedom in Christ since becoming a Christian. Spend time thanking God for setting you free.