



PRAY

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

Genesis 2:15-17

VIEW THE FREEDOM OR VIEW THE LIMITATION // CHOOSING "FREEDOM" THEY FOUND BONDAGE • I.E.

As long as you think you need freedom,  
you will be a slave.

INTO THIS CONFUSION COMES A MESSAGE SO POWERFUL...

## Background on Galatians

PAUL'S STORY FROM RABBI TO DAMASCUS TO ANTIOCH • FIRST JOURNEY • JUDAIZER CONFLICT

Some men came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the brothers: "Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved." This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question.

Acts 15:1-2

ASIDE ON PAUL'S VIOLENCE, WHY JESUS CHOSE HIM, WHY JESUS CHOSE YOU

Galatians was likely written near 50 AD on Paul's way to or back from the Jerusalem Council of Acts 15. After James (~45 AD) but before everything else.

## Galatians 1:1-5 (p. 807)

APOSTLESHIP • THREE REVOLUTIONS • TWO TRUTHS ABOUT JESUS

Paul's Divine Gospel (Good Message):

Jesus' death rescues us from sin

and his resurrection proves it.

## Galatians 1:6-9

NARRATE AND CONNECT TO JUDAIZERS • TWO WORDS I CAN NOW SAY

D a m n anyone who preaches anything different from what Paul preached.

D a m n anyone who preaches anything different from what they received.

PAUL'S FEISTINESS IS AT IT'S ZENITH! • WHAT IS THIS GOSPEL THEY HAVE RECEIVED?

"We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: "You are my Son; today I have become your Father.'..."

"Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.

Acts 13:32-33, 13:38-39

## The Gospel:

- ▶ The promise to Abraham is fulfilled for us in the resurrection of Jesus.
- ▶ Jesus' death on the cross provides total forgiveness for sin.
- ▶ Faith in Jesus connects me to that total justification.

## Take it Home

GOD IN HIS GRACE HAS OPENED THE DOOR TO EDEN • ADAM: NO TO ONE TREE; US: YES TO ONE MAN

Slavery has gravity.

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—

Galatians 1:6

The freedom of forgiveness  
is worth fighting for.

PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD, RIGHT BEHAVIOR IS THE RESULT OF FREEDOM  
PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD, RIGHT BEHAVIOR IS THE PROTECTOR OF FREEDOM  
FREEDOM IS GIVEN TO ME THROUGH JESUS BY GRACE

SOMETIMES, I WILL TALK ABOUT YOUR BEHAVIOR. I WILL TALK ABOUT SEXUAL ETHICS, HOW TO USE YOUR MONEY, HOW TO USE YOUR WORDS, HOW TO RAISE YOUR KIDS, HOW TO LOVE YOUR WIFE. SOMETIMES I WILL BE POSITIVE AND PRACTICAL. SOMETIMES I WILL BE CRITICAL AND ABRASIVE. BUT NOTHING I SAY UP HERE WILL EVER BE TRUE IN YOUR EARS UNLESS YOU MIX IT THOROUGHLY WITH THE REALIZATION THAT JESUS' DEATH FREES FROM SIN ALL WHO BELIEVE, AND THAT THE LIFE OF FAITH IS THE LIFE OF GRACE, PEACE, AND FREEDOM.