



PRAY • REVIEW -> CHOICES BONDAGE OR FREEDOM • ONE CHOICE BRINGS FREEDOM

The Message of Galatians

1. God's plan was to send his Son to rescue people.
2. God promised Abraham blessing.
3. God gave the Law to Moses to lead us to Jesus.
4. Jesus' life, death and resurrection, fulfill and finish the Law completely.
5. By faith, symbolized in baptism, we are united with Christ, clothed with Christ, crucified with him, and filled by his Spirit.
6. As a result, we have been given the freedom of pardon from sin, the freedom of being mature sons and daughters of God, the freedom of followership.
7. In our freedom, we may now choose to reject the flesh and walk by the Spirit.

What matters is **f a i t h**
expressing itself through **l o v e**.

HOW DO YOU DO THAT? LET YOUR FAITH SPILL OVER TO OTHERS... SPREAD YOUR FREEDOM!

Five Ways to Spread Your Freedom (vv. 1-10)

1. Work to free those **c a u g h t** in **s i n**.

WHY DOES PAUL START HERE? IF GOD FORGIVES WHAT'S WRONG WITH SIN? BONDAGE!!
SIN BRINGS BONDAGE / SLAVES NEED SOMEONE TO FREE THEM / THEY NEED YOU
I WANT TO LET CHRISTIAN SINNERS ROT (SOMETIMES) BUT NOT JESUS // WATCH OUT!

2. Work to free those **b u r d e n e d** by **l i f e**.

THIS FULFILLS THE LAW -> DEMONSTRATES LOVE!

The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:14

THIS DEFINES LOVE • SIMON OF CYRENE, SAM & FRODO, JESUS!!

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us...

Galatians 3:13

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

WARNING:

YOU CAN'T CARRY EVERY BURDEN OF EVERY PERSON, BUT THERE IS SOMEONE...
THERE IS A WAY TO CARRY SOMEONE'S BURDEN AND STILL LIVE IN FREEDOM / RAGMAN

In both cases, the prerequisite is that you know the
f r e e d o m of Galatians 2:20, 3:27, 5:1, 5:25.

BEARING OTHER'S BURDENS IMPLIES THAT YOU DON'T ADD EXTRA BURDENS!! KEEP READING

3. Work to free others from your **b a g g a g e**.

THIS DOES NOT MEAN YOU HANDLE ALL YOUR BAGGAGE BY YOURSELF OR ON YOUR OWN
IT MEANS YOU DEAL RESPONSIBLY WITH YOUR STUFF SO IT DOESN'T SPILL OUT ON OTHERS

WRITE THIS DOWN: GETTING HELP FROM THE RIGHT PEOPLE IS DEALING WITH MY STUFF.

4. Work to free your **t e a c h e r s** from material **n e e d**.

WHEN YOU GIVE TO THIS CHURCH, YOU ARE OBEYING THIS PRINCIPLE... PART OF YOUR GIFTS GO TO
PAY PASTOR REGGIE AND ME SO THAT WE CAN WORRY A LITTLE LESS ABOUT HOW TO PROVIDE...

5. Do **g o o d** especially to the **f a m i l y** of believers.

TEACHERS -> FAMILY -> EVERYONE ELSE

THIS LAST ONE IS PARTIALLY ABOUT MONEY, BUT IT'S ALSO A GENERAL SUMMARY STATEMENT.

GO BACK TO V. 7 AND TEASE OUT THAT AS A CULMINATION STATEMENT OF THE WHOLE BOOK.

The Conclusion

Spread your freedom to **o t h e r s**,
and **y o u** will be **b l e s s e d**.

BY THE CROSS, YOU'VE BEEN MADE NEW, SO LIVE IT AND SPREAD YOUR FREEDOM TO OTHERS!

Who could use a little freedom? How can you bless them?

CAUGHT IN SIN? HAS A BURDEN? IS A TEACHER? HAS A NEED?

TONIGHT, SHARING YOUR FAITH

NEXT WEEK, PASSING OUT FLYERS / BAM!

EACH SUNDAY, BLESSING OUR GUESTS / WELCOME, HOSPITALITY, KIDOPOLIS.

P.S. Final Thoughts (vv. 11-18)

JUST SO YOU DON'T GET THE IMPRESSION THAT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS JUST ABOUT DOING GOOD,
PAUL REMINDS US THAT THERE IS NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF IN WHAT WE DO.

Nothing is more important than the **c r o s s** of Jesus, my **d e a t h**
with him, and the **n e w - c r e a t i o n l i f e** he gives.

By the cross, you've been made new,
so live it and spread your freedom to others