



Week #9 of Galatians: A Gospel of Grace

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Coming Together

- What was the “hi/low” of the Easter week for you and your family? “Hi” means the best part. “Low” meaning the part that could have gone better.
- What is one freedom that you enjoy? Why do you appreciate it so?

Growing in Our Understanding

- Read Galatians 5:13-15. How would you summarize the main messages of these verses in your own words?
- What do you think it means in Galatians 5:13 when Paul writes, “...But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature”? NOTE: Instead of “sinful nature” some translations of the Bible will use the word “flesh”.
- What is the warning that Paul gives the Galatian Christians in Galatians 5:15? What might have been the context that caused him to pen these words? How do they apply to us today?
- Read Luke 10:25-37. Who is a “neighbor” to us according to Luke 10 and Galatians 5:14?

Unwrapping and Applying God’s Principles

- What are some of the unnecessary rules and regulations that Christians sometimes impose on one another?
- Paul’s writes, “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Gal. 5:14). Why is so very difficult sometimes to love ourselves? How does a person’s “understanding of self or love of self” impact their ability to love others?

Deepening Our Hearts for God

- Are there any “unnecessary rules and regulations” (meaning not commanded by God) that you feel personally that you have to keep following? What do you think compels you to keep following these “rules”? What would God think about you if you stopped?
- What do the following verse says about God’s for us? What impact does God love for us have on our ability to love ourselves?

-- 1 John 4:10

-- Jeremiah 31:3

-- Ephesians 3:18-19

-- John 3:16-17

Looking Ahead

Read Galatians 5:16-25. Circle, underline, or highlight anything that stands out to you. How does Paul describe a Christian who is living out their freedoms in a responsible way?

