

# Allen Temple Baptist Church

Sunday School Live 

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**Spring Quarter Theme: God Frees & Redeems**

***Unit 3: “Liberating Letters”***

**Sunday May 22, 2022**

**Lesson Title: The Nature of Christian Freedom**

**Text: Galatians 5:1-15**

**Background Scripture Galatians 5**

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# LESSON BACKGROUND

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## Galatians 1 - 4

- 1). Paul's introduction & message of only one Lord.
- 2). Paul is accepted by the apostles & confronts Peter for his actions that mirrored hypocrisy.
- 3). The Law vs. Faith in Jesus & God's promise.
- 4). Pastoral wisdom shared & great concern.

# LESSON GOALS

- 1. Reenforce our faith in Jesus as Savior above all things, religion, practices & titles.**
  - 2. Be intentional to stand against false doctrine.**
  - 3. Humble ourselves in respect to God's grace.**
  - 4. Love others as yourself.**
- 4A. Love yourself as God Loves You.**

# LESSON OUTLINES

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- 1. A firm command, warning & encouragement. Galatians 5:1- 6**
- 2. A firm question & redirection. Galatians 5: 7-12**
- 3. A firm reassurance & confirmation. Galatians 5:13-15**

## GALATIANS 5:1, 2 NIV

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- 1). It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.**
- <sup>2</sup> Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all.**

# QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

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1. What were some of the consequences of turning to the law seeking salvation instead of continuing to trust in Christ?

## GALATIANS 5:3 NIV

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**<sup>3</sup> Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law.**

**<sup>4</sup> You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.**

## GALATIANS 5:5, 6 NIV

<sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit we **eagerly await by faith,** the righteousness for which we hope.

<sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.



# SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

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**2 Corinthians 5:21,**

**Philippians 3:8,9**

**Hebrews 10:10**

## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

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1. What problems did the Galatians have with the judaizers teaching false doctrine?
2. Why did Paul strongly warn the Galatians about a little bad yeast?

## GALATIANS 5: 7-9 NIV

**7 You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth?**

**8 That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you.**

**9 “A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.”**

## GALATIANS 5:10 NIV

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**10). I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion, whoever that may be, will have to pay the penalty.**

## GALATIANS 5:11 NIV

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**<sup>11</sup> Brothers and sisters, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished.**

## GALATIANS 5:12-13 NIV

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**<sup>12</sup> As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!**

**<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love..**

## GALATIANS 5: 13

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### Life by the Spirit

**<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.**

## GALATIANS 5:14, 15

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**<sup>14</sup> For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.**



## ADDED - GALATIANS 5:16,17

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**<sup>16</sup> So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.**

## LIFE APPLICATION

- 1. Do not be ashamed to stand in our faith.**
- 2. Learn the Word so we can Live the Word.**
- 3. Rejoice in salvation through Jesus Christ.**
- 4. Know that God loves you unconditionally.**
- 5. Love yourself & Love your neighbor as yourself.**
- 6. Never doubt the salvific power of Jesus Christ.**

# LESSON SUMMARY

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Paul urged the churches in Galatia against false teachings that deny salvation only given through Jesus. He was very disturbed at their being so easily led astray after being taught the truth of Jesus. **WHY? (MORAL) Be careful who & what you listen to. Always trust the word of God, pray for wisdom & understanding. Love one another, be confident, humble and faithful. Jesus Never Fails.**



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- **Transfer of Membership:** From one church to another by letter

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