



SERIES: MAY- JULY: THE MAIN THING

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Scripture: Galatians

TITLE: Galatians – Free in Christ

Religion is not your friend. Religion is one of man’s ways to make his way back to God. Think about it. Religions prescribe what you can do to earn salvation, nirvana, enlightenment, or end the cycle of reincarnation. Religion prescribes what you can do to keep that reward. But Christ’s message is not more religion. It’s all Jesus. Period. If you’re tired of religion, then you should read the Book of Galatians.

The Book of Galatians was written by the apostle Paul. He was writing the churches in Galatia in central Turkey. He wrote this between 48-49 A.D. Paul was greatly disturbed by the Galatian churches because they knew the true Gospel, but some were trading it in for a false gospel. Any gospel other than the Gospel that salvation comes by belief in Jesus Christ is a false gospel. Paul says in Galatians 1:6-7 (CSB),

“I am amazed that you are so quickly turning away from him who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are troubling you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.”

Any gospel but the true Gospel is no gospel because there is no hope there.

That’s what the book of Galatians is about. It’s about the Gospel of grace. Paul defends, explains, and applies the Gospel of grace in this book. He endorses and explains our Christian freedom. This freedom is not a license to sin but a life to be lived for Christ.

So what’s the main thing from the Book of Galatians? We are free in Christ. We are no longer slaves to sin or ourselves. We are no longer playing the game of religion but resting and living in God’s grace. Paul writes in Galatians 5:1,13,

“For freedom, Christ set us free. Stand firm, then, and don’t submit again to a yoke of slavery... For you were called to be free, brothers and sisters; only don’t use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love.”

Freedom in Christ is not a license to sin but a license to live for Christ. That is life to the fullest.

And in case you want to add a little bit of insurance salvation by legalism—that game of religion—remember Paul’s words in Galatians 3:5-6,

“So then, does God give you the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law? Or is it by believing what you heard—just like Abraham who believed God, and it was credited to him for righteousness?”

Salvation comes through one person: Jesus Christ. When we add to or take away Christ’s sufficiency, we reject God’s grace. May that never be true of us.

So today, embrace God’s grace for true Christian freedom. When you do, you will win the day.