

Unchained! The Power of Freedom

Lessons We Are Learning

1. Christians are meant to enjoy freedom.
2. Our freedom is to be expressed properly.

What is the Law that Paul is referring to?

As a Christian, seek to be righteous but understand that...

1. No one can keep the whole law!
2. No one can be saved by being good.
3. No one should impose extra man-made laws on top of our salvation.

What Has Been the Progression of Our Learning?

Week 1 — Many people (even Simon Peter!) fall back into trying to keep the law even though it can't save them. Sometimes we hurt the faith of others by doing this. (Galatians 2:11-14)

Week 2 — Why did God give the law if it can't save us? Because it points us to Jesus Christ who can save us! (Galatians 2:15-16)

Week 3 — When we realize what Jesus has done for us, we ought to be so thankful that we allow Him to live through us! (Gal. 2:20-21)

Today — I want to live like this but How?

The Answer from Paul

1. The Rebuke (again) — Who cast a spell on you that you now believe something you know to be false.
"You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified." - Galatians 3:1
2. The Review — How did you become a Christian?
"I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard?" - Galatians 3:2
3. The Regression! — Do you now think you can earn your salvation?
"Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort? Have you suffered so much for nothing — if it really was for nothing? Does God give you His Spirit and work miracles

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- You've received the Holy Spirit
 - You've suffered for your faith.
 - You've seen God's power.
4. The Relationship! — You are God's child!
"Consider Abraham: "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith." - Galatians 3:6-9
 - Does any child have to "earn" his relationship?
 - Anyone who has faith is Abraham's child and therefore God's child.
 5. The Relying on Self — Rely on the law and you will be cursed.
"All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith." The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, "The man who does these things will live by them." - Galatians 3:10-12
 - Cursed because you can't accomplish the whole law.
 - Cursed because you want to do what you can't do!
 6. The Redemption — Jesus took the curse for us.
"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." - Galatians 3:13
 7. The Resource — The power to live in freedom is found in the Holy Spirit.
"He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit." - Galatians 3:14

How Do I Live in the Power of the Spirit?

1. You must believe in Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world.
2. It must be intentional.
"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit." - Ephesians 5:18

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