

Sunday, 05-22-22

The Nature of Christian Freedom
Bible Background: Galatians 5:1-15
Printed Text: Galatians 5:1-15 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Aim for Change (Page 430):

1. **DISCERN** the differences between legalism and freedom that comes with responsibility
 2. **EXPERIENCE** freedom trusting in the work of Christ rather than our own efforts for salvation
 3. **CHOOSE** a life of freedom in Christ that is guided by serving and loving others with humility
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Intro:

1. Why is it so attractive to believe that there is a simple set of actions one can follow to have a successful life? How does that differ from the freedom offered through Jesus? – *Psalm 69:1-3*; *Proverbs 14:9-14*
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In Focus (Page 430):

1. Why is it so easy for believers to get caught up in the extremes of legalism or catering to their fleshly desires?
 - a. How else am I going to get on God's good side? – Deuteronomy 28:9-11; Joshua 22:5; Mark 12:32-34; *James 2:8-18, 26*
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The People, Places, and Times (Page 433):

- **Circumcision** – to cut off – *Jeremiah 7:22-28*; Matthew 18:7-9; *Mark 9:43-50*
 - 1. Why is it so hard to be circumcised? – 1 Corinthians 7:19-24; *Revelation 3:15-17*
 - a. Lips – Exodus 4:10-12; 6:12, 30
 - b. Ear – Jeremiah 6:10
 - c. Heart – Deuteronomy 30:6-8; Jeremiah 4:4; *Acts 7:51-53*
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Background (Pages 433):

1. Why is there so much division caused between the Mosaic Law and freedom in Christ Jesus? – John 7:42-43; 9:15-17; *1 Corinthians 1:9-15; 11:17-19*
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In Depth (Pages 434-435)

1. Be Not Entangled (*Galatians 5:1-6*)
 - a. When Paul talks about who have “*fallen from grace*,” does he mean they have forfeited their salvation? – John 15:16-17; *Ephesians 2:8-10*; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
 2. Stay on the Right Course (*Galatians 5:7-12*)
 - a. Who hindered you from obeying and relying on the truth of which you have already been persuaded? – *Matthew 18:15-22*
 3. Called to be Free (*Galatians 5:13-15*)
 - a. How do you tell if you are succeeding at living by the Spirit? – Zechariah 12:10; *Hebrews 12:9-13; 1 Peter 4:1-11*
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Discuss the Meaning (Page 435):

1. What are some ways we try to work for salvation? – 2 Corinthians 7:9-11; *Philippians 2:12-18*
2. How can you discern whether you are working for salvation or being led by the Spirit? – *Romans 3:9-18; 11:6; Titus 3:3-8*

Note – *Bold/Italicized*** scriptures are to be read during class if time permits**

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