

# † FREEDOM

A NINE-PART SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

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DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 4 (October 21- November 1)

## DON'T BE DUPED

### WELCOME.

Welcome to our DGroup! This is week 4 of our series, FREEDOM. In a world where so many things present themselves as truth, God's Word warns us to stand on the one true Gospel of Jesus.

### WORSHIP.

**Sing:** SONG OF THE SAINTS (Phil Wickham)

### WORD.

**Introduction:** In Galatians 3:1-14, we see Paul's frustration with the Galatians for abandoning the true gospel and being influenced by false teachers. Paul's forceful defense of justification by faith, employs strong language to confront the Galatians for their embrace of legalistic teachings. In this passage, Paul sounds very angry, but we must not forget why. His love for the Galatians is what's driving him. Remember the main point of this sermon and study: *do not be fooled by the idea that your good works could save you*. Salvation comes from the relentless love and grace of God. It is not earned by good deeds, it can only be received by faith.

**Scripture:** GALATIANS 3:1-14

#### Dig Deep into God's Word:

- Chapter 3 opens with very strong words.
  - Why does Paul call the Galatians foolish and "bewitched"?
  - What key questions does Paul ask the Galatians to consider in verses 2 to 6?
  - How does this passage challenge the idea that suffering can earn us salvation?
  - How does the true gospel give meaning to our suffering for Christ?
- Paul uses Abraham as an example of justification by faith.
  - How does Abraham serve as an example of justification by faith?
  - What does this mean: "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness"?
  - How does this passage connect the Old and New Testaments?
  - What does it mean to be "blessed with Abraham, the believer"?
- Paul makes a case between the curse of the law and redemption from the law.
  - Who is under the curse of the law (verse 10)?
  - Why is it impossible to be saved by merely following the law (verses 11-12)?
  - How did Christ redeem us from the curse of the law (verses 13-14)?
  - How does this passage demonstrate God's love and grace through Jesus?

### WORK.

#### Apply God's Word:

- In this chapter, we are again confronted by the foolishness of believing that our own good works can save us. Why do you think Paul keeps repeating this teaching to his listeners?

2. Looking back in your own life, what good deeds, actions or penances did you perform so you can earn God's forgiveness? Read Isaiah 64:6.
3. The main point of this sermon and study is the relentless love and grace of God. None of us deserve salvation, none of us can earn it. But His grace gives salvation to all who will receive it by faith. How can you express your gratefulness to God for His grace to you?