

Standing in Grace

- Galatians 5v1-15

Double Freedom

Christ has F_____ us to be F_____.

- we are free _____ obeying the law as a means of earning favour with God.
- we are free _____ obey the law as a means of loving others in the church.

Losing Freedom

If we are Christians we are set free from c_____, however, we can live as if we are not f_____.
We can forget that we are freed and live as if we are slaves.

What were the false believers teaching? 2v3-4

We can all live like legalists.

We live as if our obedience will g_____ favour with God and our disobedience will l_____ favour with God.

Three things that will help us stand firm and not lose our freedom.

1. Remember your freedom

Christ is your liberator

If you say you are going to earn your salvation that means you must, *What?* v3

When we forget that Christ is our liberator we live as if we are still s_____.

Christ offers you grace

How do you respond when you sin and fail?

If you think that every time you sin, you have to pay it off by good behaviour...

You have (v4) 'F_____ away from g_____.'

If you think that when you fail you lose your position of being justified and now you must earn it back –

You have been (v4) 'A_____ from C_____.'

Christ has secured your future

'Hope' in the bible is not uncertainty, it is always an absolute unchanging g_____.

How do we wait for our home of righteousness? v5

Who will make sure we reach our eternal destiny? v5

2. Protect your freedom

Watch out for false teachers

False teachers had redirected them from the path of g_____ to the path of w_____.

How can we identify false teachers – what is their message?

God's call = God's eternal un_____ plan to save you.

We don't start the race with grace and finish by works, the race is grace from beginning to end.

Why are false teachers dangerous? v9

Listen to the true gospel

One way to know if we are hearing the true gospel is to see if the teachers are being p_____ or growing in p_____

Paul isn't being persecuted because he was teaching l_____.

Paul was being opposed because he was teaching g_____.

Why do you think the gospel of grace is 'offensive'? v11

Because it shows us that we are desperately s_____, deserve j_____ and, need r_____.

How should we feel about false teachers?

3. Don't abuse your freedom

Love the law

If we think that we are set free to live as we please we have not understood grace.

We are freed f_____ sin, not t____ sin!

The law is good.

The law is a reflection of who God is – it expresses his will and desire for our lives.

To disobey the l_____ is to disobey G_____. But to love the l_____ is to love G_____.

We are not free to d_____ the law we have been set free so we can o_____ the law.

Love others

Rather than be enslaved to our own selfish desires we are now free to love others.

Love means v14 'L_____ *your neighbour a__ yourself.*'

What happens when love is absent? v15

What is the evidence of faith in Christ? v6