

# THE SWEETNESS OF **FREEDOM**

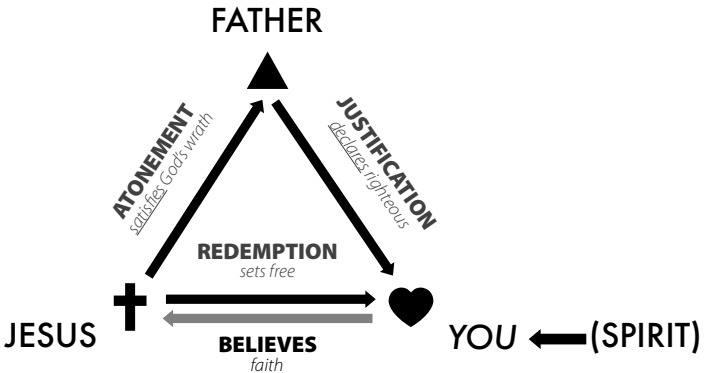
GALATIANS

Sunday, June 3, 2018 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

## PART 9: GOSPEL FREEDOM

Galatians 5:1-15

### Freedom in Christ



1. Set free from **GUILT**.
2. Set free from **FEAR**.

### You Have A Choice To Make...

1. Choosing **Jesus** is choosing **FREEDOM**.  
*Stand firm in it!*
2. Choosing **Religion/Idolatry** is choosing **SLAVERY**.  
*Why, after trusting Christ, would you ever go back?!?*



# 1:10 COMMUNITY GROUP **HOMEWORK**

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## **GETTING STARTED**

1. As we grow older in life, we gain freedoms and we lose freedoms. For example, at age 16 you may have gained the freedom to drive... at age 90 you may have lost that freedom. At age 14 you had the freedom to eat anything you wanted, at age 40 not so much. :) What are some of the freedoms you've gained over time? What are some you've lost? Which ones are you still hoping to gain? Which are you afraid to lose?
2. **Read Galatians 5:1-15** and review your message note. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

## **DISCUSS**

3. Everyone pretend that you're the leader of your 1:10 Group... You're leading, and at a meeting someone in the group says, "My cousin John used to be a Christian." How would you respond?
4. Later in that same meeting, the conversation turns to the subject of Christian freedom. This precipitates a testy exchange between one person who tends to be a bit legalistic and another who participates in many "questionable" behaviors without a seeming twinge of conscience. Suddenly all eyes turn to you for some sort of definitive word of explanation. What do you say?
5. Have you ever come close to losing (or actually lost) your gospel freedom? How did this happen? What lessons can you draw from it?
6. Paul often used athletic metaphors in his letters. What does Paul mean that the Galatians "were running well" in **v. 7**?
7. **Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27**. Does this shed anymore light on what had happened in Galatians 5:7? — Paul speaks here of being disciplined in order to finish well. How does gospel freedom play into this?
8. **Read Galatians 5:5 and then Romans 5:1-11**. The Greek term for hope means "total assurance". This makes our English translations hard to understand at times because hope can mean "not so sure" ("I hope so..."). — Go back through each of these passages. Every time you come to the word "hope", replace it with the word "assured" or "assurance". — How does this change your understanding of gospel hope?

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*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.  
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.*

## Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Calvary Baptist Church in Oswego.

## Personal Prayer Items

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## Word Find for Galatians 5:1-6 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>1</sup> For **freedom Christ** has set us **free**; **stand firm therefore**, and do not **submit again** to a yoke of **slavery**. <sup>2</sup> **Look: I, Paul**, say to you that if you **accept circumcision**, **Christ** will be of no **advantage** to you. <sup>3</sup> **I testify again** to **every** man who **accepts circumcision** that he is **obligated** to **keep** the whole law. <sup>4</sup> You are **severed** from **Christ**, you who would be **justified** by the law; you have **fallen away** from **grace**. <sup>5</sup> For through the **Spirit**, by **faith**, we ourselves **eagerly wait** for the **hope** of **righteousness**. <sup>6</sup> For in **Christ Jesus** neither **circumcision** nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only **faith** working through love.

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