

Freedom to be Free

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Food For Thought and Outline

Week of December 6, 2015

Paul's Comparison in Galatians 4

Genesis 15:1-6 , Genesis 16:1-5 , Genesis 16:15-16, Genesis 17:15-21 , Galatians 4:21-5:1

Hagar-Slave Woman

Sarah-Free Woman

Ishmael-Natural Birth

Isaac-Supernatural Birth

Old Covenant

New Covenant

Earthly Jerusalem

Heavenly Jerusalem

Judaism

Christianity

Steps for Living Free in Christ

Let GOD Lead

Be Ready for Opposition

John 15:19

Resist Thinking We Can Work Our Way to God

Rest in Our Inheritance

Matthew 1:1-2 , Philippians 3:20

Food For Thought

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(Questions and Scriptures for Reflection and Study)

Getting Started...

1. If you were explaining this weekend's message to a friend, what would you tell them?
2. A lesson God seems to be teaching me recently is...

Into the Bible

3. Read John 8:31-47. Jesus talked in great length about freedom. He was adamant that sin produces slaves but He Himself produces sons of freedom. How does Paul's message about freedom in Galatians sound similar to what Jesus is saying in John 8:31-47?

Do you think the truth, Jesus' message, influences how free you feel? Why or why not?

4. Galatians 5:1 says, "For freedom has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." Each person probably has a different "yoke of slavery". In other words, we each have that sin we keep coming back to even when we know it's wrong. Why do you think people return to sin and slavery after they've tasted freedom in Christ?

What behaviors are you most tempted to return to?

What action steps could you take to surrender those temptations to Christ?

Sermon Application

5. One of Jeff's ideas for living free in Christ is to 'let God lead.' Do some writing on the following two topics:

An area of my life Christ is in charge of...

An area of my life I'm wrestling giving over to God...

6. Memorize 1 Peter 2:16 – "Live as people who are free, not using freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God."

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Ministry Opportunities

Coffee Bar Volunteer

Contact Sharon Page at spage@riverlawn.org or 838-9388.

Serve coffee, tea, lemonade, water, and cookies to those heading into Sunday morning worship.

Three or four people are needed during two different time frames. It's easy and training is provided!