

# NT101: A Survey of the New Testament

Week of March 14th

## Galatians: The Freedom of Christ

### Hear THE Word:

After all Jesus did to set you free, how could you trade one kind of \_\_\_\_\_ for another?

**One Kind of Slavery:** \_\_\_\_\_ enslaves through the worship of worthless gods.

"Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God."

Acts 14:15

**Another Kind of Slavery:** \_\_\_\_\_ enslaves through the worship of worthless laws.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

Galatians 5:6

**Another Kind of Slavery:** \_\_\_\_\_ enslaves through the worship of worthless things.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1

### If It Is For Freedom That Christ Has Set Us Free...

**What Are We Freed From? Slavery to the \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_**

Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles?

Galatians 4:8-9

By turning good things into \_\_\_\_\_ things we make ourselves miserable \_\_\_\_\_.

### **My Crisis Experience:**

-How did turning a good thing into a god thing cause me to come to the end of myself?

**What Are We Freed For? Sonship to the \_\_\_\_\_**

Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Galatians 4:6-7

By turning slave people into \_\_\_\_\_ people God makes us Spirit-filled \_\_\_\_\_.

### **My Conversion Experience:**

-Now that I am free from the god of my own success, I am free to \_\_\_\_\_.

-Now that I am free from the god of my own happiness, I am free to \_\_\_\_\_.

-Now that I am free from the god of my own prosperity, I am free to \_\_\_\_\_.

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### **Galatians: The Freedom of Christ (cont.)**

#### **Read THE Word:**

- Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>: Galatians 1
- Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>: Galatians 2
- Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>: Galatians 3
- Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>: Galatians 4
- Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>: Galatians 5
- Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>: Galatians 6

#### **Study THE Word:**

**Open:** What is a time and place in your life you have felt the most free? What were you freed from?

**Read:** Have someone in the group read Galatians 4:8-9 on "Slavery to the non-gods."

#### **Questions:**

1. Give an example of how turning a "good thing into a god-thing" has enslaved you personally.
2. Of the suburban trinity of success, happiness and prosperity, which are you tempted to worship?
3. How does slavery "to those who by nature are not gods" ultimately make us miserable? (v. 9)

**Read:** Have someone in the group read Galatians 4:6-7 on "Sonship to the One God."

#### **Questions:**

1. How can the fact you were adopted into God's family free you from "Slavery to the non-gods?"
2. In verse 7, Paul says that you are not only a son but "also an heir." What have you inherited?
3. On a scale of 1-10, how comfortable are you calling God, "Abba, Father?" (i.e. Daddy) Why?

**Pray:** Share your prayer requests, and then ask your "Abba, Father" (i.e. Daddy) to provide.

#### **Memorize THE Word:**

**The Freedom of Christ:** It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 (NIV)

#### **Meditate on THE Word:**

This week, meditate on the promise of Galatians 5:1 that in Christ you are now free!