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Free To Live For Christ Galatians 1:1-10 By Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

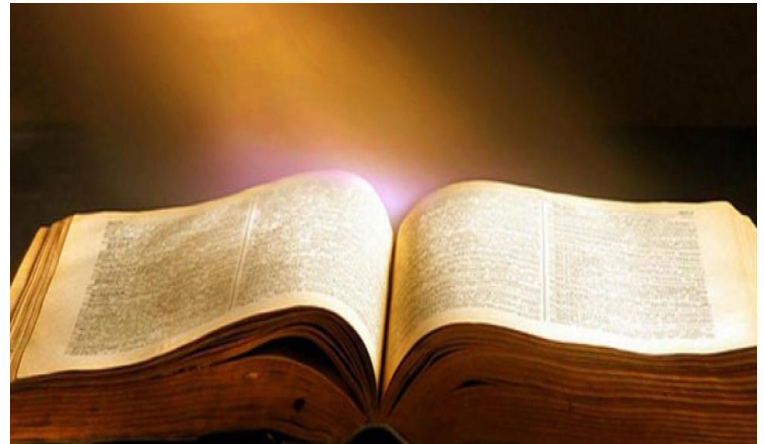
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

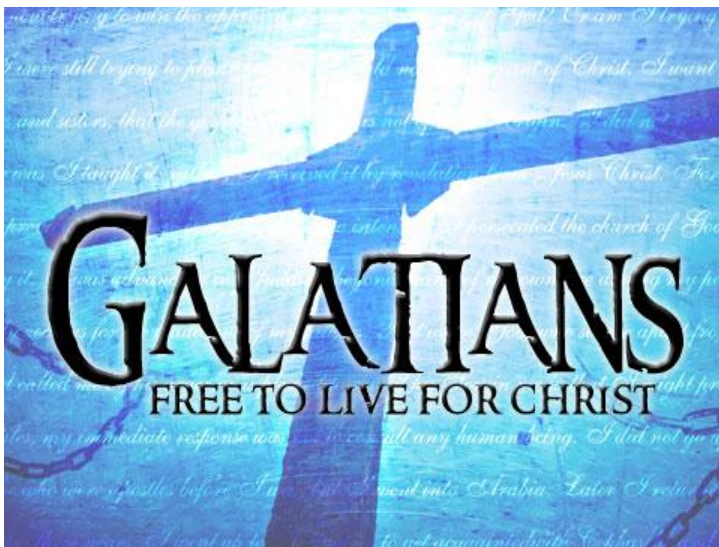
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will start a new series on the book of Galatians. Galatians is a wonderful book full of the grace of God. It teaches about the freedom we have in Christ and how we are no longer under the Law. Then at the same time it teaches us how we are to use that freedom to live for Christ. This week the book starts off with Paul declaring his status as an Apostle and a preacher of the Gospel of Christ. He even declares that no one, not even an angel, should ever be able to sway us from the gospel he has given.



Read Galatians 1:1-10 (NET)

¹ From Paul, an apostle (not from men, nor by human agency, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead) ² and all the brothers with me, to the churches of Galatia. ³ Grace and peace to you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from this present evil age according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be glory forever and ever! Amen.

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are following a different gospel—

⁷ not that there really is another gospel, but there are some who are disturbing you and wanting to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we (or an angel from heaven) should preach a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be condemned to hell! ⁹ As we have said before, and now I say again, if any one is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let him be condemned to hell! ¹⁰ Am I now trying to gain the approval of people, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a slave of Christ!

EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passages.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Why should the church in Galatia listen to Paul?

9. In which of these 10 verses does Paul describe the Gospel?

10. What are the basics of the Gospel?

11. How would Paul's actions be different if he were trying to please men versus trying to please God?

12. Why is Paul so confident in the Gospel he preaches?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. How can we have confidence in Paul's writings?

14. a. Are you as confident in the Gospel of Christ? Why or why not?

b. If an angel shared a different gospel with you, how do you think you would respond?
Where does your confidence lie?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES