

The Bible - Week 38 (October 3rd)

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Galatians

Author: The apostle Paul

Date: we are unsure but likely late 40's to late 50's

Audience: The church in Galati, struggling with the nature of the Law code

Reason: Paul was teaching how to be free from the historic Law codes when others were trying to tie them to that past.

Theme: That freedom is truly only in Christ

Key Verse:

Galatians 5:1 CEB

Christ has set us free for freedom. Therefore, stand firm and don't submit to the bondage of slavery again.

Sections: Personal (Ch 1-2), Doctrinal (Ch 2-4), Practical (Ch 5-6)

Key Words: Law, Freedom, Circumcision, Christ

Basic Intro: Paul felt that those who were only living into the historical law code were being choked out by it. He was writing to try and set people free from that. He is stuck on the circumcision because that was a requirement of identity in God for the Jewish People and now Paul is telling us that we only have an identity in Christ and nothing we do physically can add or take away from that.

Questions for Discussion:

- **What are the rules that we as Christians live by today that might get the ire of Paul?**
- **What are the 9 fruits of the spirit listed here? (Gal 5:22)**
- **What one of those fruits needs to ripen in you?**
- **Galatians 2:16 has a few thoughts for us today that we should consider in how they influence us.**