

**True Gospel : True Freedom (1 of 8)**  
**“The Gospel Of Freedom”**  
**Cornerstone Church of Poway**  
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“So Christ has truly **set us free**. Now make sure that you stay free, and don’t get tied up again in slavery to the law.” **Galatians 5:1 (NLT2)**

**Big Idea:** Freedom comes not from rules or the lack of rules but from a personal relationship with Jesus who loves me and gave His life for me.

“My old self has been **crucified** with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**. So I live in this earthly body by **trusting** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” **Galatians 2:20 (NLT2) Remember Verse**

**To Understand True Freedom We Must:**

**1. Be Grounded Firmly In The \_\_\_\_\_**

- **Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ from the grave**

“This letter is from Paul, an apostle. I was not appointed by any group of people or any human authority, but by Jesus Christ Himself and by God the Father, who **raised Jesus from the dead**.” **Galatians 1:1 (NLT2)** [1 Corinthians 15:1-6]

- **Jesus gives \_\_\_\_\_**

“May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you **grace and peace**.”  
**Galatians 1:3 (NLT2)**

- **Jesus gave His life to \_\_\_\_\_ us from this evil world**

“Jesus gave His life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to **rescue** us from this evil world in which we live.” **Galatians 1:4 (NLT2)**

- **We are made right with God through \_\_\_\_\_ not by works**

“Yet we know that a person is **made right** with God **by faith in Jesus Christ**, not by obeying the law.” **Galatians 2:16a (NLT2)**

- **Jesus rescues us by taking the curse for our \_\_\_\_\_**

“But Christ has **rescued us** from the curse pronounced by the law. When He was hung on the cross, He took upon himself the **curse** for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”

**Galatians 3:13 (NLT2)**

- **Those who belong to Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ from sin**

“Those who **belong** to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to His cross and crucified them there.” **Galatians 5:24 (NLT2)**

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Beware Of Those Who \_\_\_\_\_

“I am shocked that you are **turning away** so soon from God, who called you to Himself through the **loving mercy of Christ**. You are following a **different way** that **pretends** to be the Good News but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled by those who **deliberately twist** the truth concerning Christ. Let God’s **curse** fall on anyone, including us or even an angel from heaven, who preaches a **different kind of Good News** than the one we preached to you. I say again what we have said before: If anyone preaches any other Good News than the one you welcomed, let that person be cursed.” **Galatians 1:6-9 (NLT2)**

- **Those who Add:** \_\_\_\_\_

“Even that question came up only because of some **so-called Christians** there—**false ones**, really—who were secretly brought in. They sneaked in to spy on us and **take away the freedom** we have in Christ Jesus. They wanted to **enslave** us and force us to follow their **Jewish regulations**. **Galatians 2:4 (NLT2)**

“You are trying to **earn favor** with God by observing certain days or months or seasons or years.” **Galatians 4:9 (NLT2)**

- **Those who Subtract:** \_\_\_\_\_

“I do not treat the grace of God as **meaningless**. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die.” **Galatians 2:21 (NLT2)**

“You, my brothers, were **called to be free**. But do not use your freedom to **indulge** the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.” **Galatians 5:13 (NIV)**

- **How Should We Respond To The Gospel?**

“My old self has been **crucified** with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**. So I live in this earthly body by **trusting** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” **Galatians 2:20 (NLT2) Remember Verse**

“As for me, may I never boast about anything except the **cross** of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, **my interest** in this world has been **crucified**, and the **world’s interest** in me has also **died**.” **Galatians 6:14 (NLT2)**

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Am I trying to add or subtract to the Gospel of Grace?**

### **My next right steps to freedom, I will:**

- [ ] Take the Cross Challenge (wear the free cross for this series and pray for opportunities)
- [ ] Read the book of Galatians 3 times this week & make personal notes
- [ ] Follow Jesus in Believer’s Baptism
- [ ] Use the Building Our Family Values Devotions/Activities

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**Family Corner:** [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

**Small Groups:** [Choose as many questions that honors your group's time commitment]

**Open in Prayer:**

**Icebreaker:**

How do I lean? Legalistic or anything goes?

How would I describe the Gospel that gives us freedom?

**Review the big idea and the remember verse.**

**To Understand True Freedom We Must:**

**1. Be Grounded Firmly In The Truth Of The Gospel**

- **Jesus rose from the grave**

**Read Galatians 1:1**

**Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-6**

Why is the resurrection of Jesus so critical to the gospel?

What evidence does Paul give to the resurrection being true?

- **Jesus gives grace and peace**

**Read Galatians 1:3**

How is grace and peace unique to the Christian faith?

- **Jesus gave His life to rescue us from this evil world**

**Read Galatians 1:4**

How is Jesus giving his life for us different than other religions?

- **We are made right with God through faith in Jesus not by works**

**Read Galatians 2:16**

How are we made right with God?

How does trying to keep the law reject what Jesus did for us?

- **Jesus rescues us by taking the curse for our wrongdoing**

**Read Galatians 3:13**

What did Jesus have to do in order to rescue us from our sins?

How is this different from other religions?

- **Those who belong to Jesus turn away from sin**

### **Galatians 5:24**

What does it mean to nail our sinful nature to the cross? How can we do this?

## **2. Beware Of Those Who Twist The Gospel**

### **Read Galatians 1:6-9**

What “twisted truth” have you been exposed to?

### **The Apologetics Study Bible**

Twisted Scripture: Galatians 1:8-9

Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, claimed that he was visited by the angel Moroni who informed him that the true gospel had been corrupted after the apostolic age and thus had been absent from the earth for nearly 19 centuries. Smith viewed his calling as a restoration of true Christianity to the world. The Mormon gospel is based on self-effort, submission to baptism for regeneration, the acceptance of Joseph Smith as God's end-time prophet, a belief in the "inspired" Mormon scriptures, and the keeping of the Word of Wisdom, which includes abstinence from caffeine, tobacco, and alcohol (Doctrines and Covenants, section 89), among other things. Similarly, Islam teaches that the angel Gabriel delivered the Koran to Muhammad. The Apostle Paul identified all such human or angelic revelations as "contrary" gospels and pronounced a curse upon those who proclaim a false gospel.

The Allah of the Qur'an is described and defined in a way that clearly shows Muhammad was not presenting the same God. The God of Islam is remote, and not intimate (Surah 112). Allah does not have a son (Surah 2:116), is not a Trinity (Surah 5:72), and does not love unconditionally (Surah 8:53). In Islam, Jesus is simply a prophet, and emphatically is not the Son of God (Surah 5:72), and the angel Gabriel is the Holy Spirit (Surah 2:193).

- **Those who Add:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Read Galatians 2:4**

What are some things people add to the gospel?

### **Read Galatians 4:9**

Do you ever get caught up in the trap of trying to earn God's favor?

- **Those who Subtract:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Read Galatians 2:21**

What does it mean to treat God's grace as meaningless?

### **Read Galatians 5:13**

How do some use their freedom of forgiveness in the wrong way?

- **How Should We Respond To The Gospel?**

### **Read Galatians 6:14**

How can we apply this attitude to our life?

- **Am I trying to add or subtract to the Gospel of Grace?**
- **What is one thing I can do to live in freedom?**

**Close in Prayer:** Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.