

True Gospel : True Freedom (8 of 8)
“Freedom’s Cross”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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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.

Freedom Comes When I Understand The Power Of The Cross.

1. Because Of The Cross, _____:

“NOTICE WHAT LARGE LETTERS I USE AS I WRITE THESE CLOSING WORDS IN MY OWN HANDWRITING. Those who are trying to force you to be circumcised want to look good to others. They don’t want to be persecuted for teaching that **the cross of Christ alone can save**. And even those who advocate circumcision don’t keep the whole law themselves. They only want you to be circumcised so they can boast about it and claim you as their disciples.”

Galatians 6:11-13 (NLT2)

“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)

“But the Scriptures declare that we are all **prisoners of sin**, so we receive **God’s promise of freedom** only by **believing in Jesus Christ**.” **Galatians 3:22 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

2. Because Of The Cross, My Interest In This World _____:

“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)**

“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**

“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: _____

3. Because of the Cross, I Am Being _____.

“It doesn’t matter whether we have been circumcised or not. What **counts** is whether we have been **transformed** into a new creation. May God’s peace and mercy be upon all who live by this principle; they are the new people of God.”

Galatians 6:15-16 (NLT2)

“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT2)**

“So I say, let the Holy Spirit **guide** your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves.” **Galatians 5:16 (NLT2)**

“But the Holy Spirit **produces** this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!” **Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT2)**

“Since we are living by the Spirit, let us **follow** the Spirit’s leading in **every part of our lives.**” **Galatians 5:25 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

- **How is the cross changing my life?**

My next right steps to freedom, I will:

Let the Holy Spirit guide my life in: love joy peace patience

kindness goodness faithfulness gentleness self-control

Volunteer for Workday October 12 landscape paint carpentry general

Share my story of faith [email to: church@cornerstonepoway.com]

Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior

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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 has the cross of Christ brought you freedom?

➤ What thoughts from this week’s message encouraged you to live a life for Jesus?

Freedom Comes When I Understand The Power Of The Cross.

1. Because Of The Cross, I Am Saved.

Read Galatians 6:11-13

Why is the Cross of Christ so offensive to some?

Some may condemn one sin and yet ignore another sin. The Bible in its entirety is to be our guide. We are not editors of God’s Word. What are some things people try to edit out of God’s Word today?

When we do this, what does it say about the cross?

Read Galatians 3:13

How did Jesus rescue us? What does this mean?

Read Galatians 3:22

How do we go from being a prisoner of sin to being free?

Is there any other way to become free?

2. Because Of The Cross, My Interest In This World Has Died.

Read Galatians 6:14

How does the cross change your interests? Why?

Read The Life Application Study Bible Commentary:

The world is full of enticements. Daily we are confronted with subtle cultural pressures and overt propaganda. The only way to escape these destructive influences is to ask God to help crucify our interest in them, just as Paul did. How much do the interests of this world matter to you? (See [2:20](#) and [5:24](#) for more on this concept.)

Read Galatians 2:20 Remember Verse

How has this verse helped you?

Read Galatians 5:24

What does it mean to nail our passions to the cross?

**3. Because Of The Cross, I Am Being Transformed To Be Like Jesus.
Galatians 6:15-16**

When you stack up all the religious things we can do, what really matters?

What characteristic will our new nature be known for?

Life Application Study Bible Commentary: It is easy to get caught up with the externals. Beware of those who emphasize actions that we should or shouldn't do, with no concern for the inward condition of the heart. Living a good life without an inward change leads to a shallow or empty spiritual walk. What matters to God is that we be completely changed from the inside out.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17

What does God promise to do for us?

Read Galatians 5:16, 22-23, 25

How can we practically live out our new lives?

What is an area that God wants to work on in your life?

- **How is the cross changing my life?**

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