
Finding Freedom: A Study In Galatians

“Theology Matters”

Galatians 3:6-18

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Introduction: We are working our way through Galatians where Paul is explaining how we can have freedom in Christ.

1. This letter was necessary because of the false teaching of the Judaizers.
 - The Judaizers were Jews who had embraced Christianity imperfectly.
 - They insisted you could not be acceptable to God without circumcision & keeping the law.
2. Paul understood the danger here. To supplement the gospel in this way is to supplant it.
 - That means, theology matters.
 - Distorting the gospel can have eternal consequence.
3. As we come to our text today, Paul continues to explain justification by faith alone in Christ.
4. As we understand this truth, we find greater freedom in Christ!

I. Abraham: The Father Of Faith

A. The Issue: Who Is A Child Of Abraham?

B. The Theology:

- Abraham's Righteousness Was By Faith
- Abraham's Gospel Included The Gentiles
- Those Who Believe (Faith) Are Abraham's Children

II. The Law: Inadequate To Justify

A. The Law Condemns

B. Faith Cannot Be Annulled

Conclusion: This doesn't end the argument; Paul will continue the theological debate in chapter 4.

1. For our purposes, Paul's point is clear, theology matters.
2. Religious effort, morality, rituals, sacraments, whatever, cannot make us acceptable to God.
3. Ignoring this reality is frustrating & eternally risky.
4. Thankfully, in Christ everything that is necessary to be right with God has been accomplished.
5. God offers us salvation as a free gift. We simply need to receive it by faith.
6. Do you believe you are a sinner?
7. Do you believe Christ came & died to save you?
8. Why not invite Him into your life as Savior & Lord!