

# FREEDOM – IN THE – IN-BETWEEN

## **Introduction:**

At the Summit, we say that the gospel changes everything. We believe this because of what we see and read in the New Testament. The book of Galatians was written by the apostle Paul as he clarifies and defends the gospel to those who would change or pervert it. The church in Galatia, like many churches today, was hearing a false gospel. This false gospel was adding to Jesus life, death and resurrection as all one needs for salvation. Over the next eight weeks we will study the entire book of Galatians, the gospel that Paul proclaims, and how it practically works in the daily life of every Christian.

## **This Week's Main Point:**

***The gospel gives grace and peace. Any change to the gospel completely reverses it, therefore we should warn those who are adding to it or removing from it.***

Paul opens his letter by telling the Galatian church that they have deserted the gospel. Paul goes to great lengths in the opening of this letter to communicate that this gospel is not from himself or any other man, but from God. By rejecting Paul's gospel, the Galatians are not rejecting Paul, they are rejecting Jesus himself. We all have opinions, just like the Galatians. It is a good thing from God when we use our intellect, emotion, and life experiences to arrive at opinions that shape how we live. But Paul is conveying to the Galatians, and us today, that the gospel is not subject to our opinions in the same way as other areas of our life. Instead of being influenced by our opinions, the gospel actually acts as an influencer of how we understand and respond to everything as Christians.

Galatians is a defense of the gospel. Galatians chapter 1 introduces us to the supreme importance of understanding that we are saved by grace alone, through faith in Christ alone.

## **Sermon Response Question:**

1) What stood out to you most from the sermon this past weekend?

## **Bible Study Questions: (Read Galatians 1:1-24)**

2) After reading Galatians 1, what main ideas is Paul trying to convey?

3) Verses 1-5 contain the core of Paul's gospel message. From these verses, what is "the gospel?"

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4) What does Paul say about any change to the gospel message in verses 6-8?

5) What is so significant about the change in Paul's life that he recounts in verses 11-24?

6) How do we, today, add to or change the gospel message?

## **Application Questions:**

7) Why do we sometimes not react to false gospels in the same way Paul did?

8) What are some things you would like to see happen in your life through your group's study of Galatians?

## **Prayer:**

- Break up into groups of 2-3 people.
- Thank God for the ways he has given you grace and peace. (3)
- Thank God for the hope that we have in Jesus, not just in this life but in the one to come. (4)
- Glorify God for his amazing work to save sinners like you and me. (5)