

Finding Freedom - Week 3

Galatians 5:1-3

Also: Philippians 4:8-9; James 4:7; Numbers 14:1-4; Luke 15:11-32

Discussion Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. In a world filled with competing religious ideas, what makes Christianity different from others?
 - In what ways does the church sometimes begin to absorb or add other requirements to grace? For example, you must come to a service X number of times/month, or you must dress a certain way, or you must have your life together, etc.
 - In what ways do you tend to add requirements to yourself? To others?
3. Read Galatians 5:1-3.
 - Once again, we see Paul taking this idea of freedom and slavery so seriously! Seriously enough that he indicates that Christ is of no advantage to them if they return to slavery. Often people think of Christianity as a bunch of rule-following. How does Paul's teaching here address that?
 - How can this help you in your interactions with those outside the faith?
4. Using the cobweb and spider illustration from the sermon, in what ways can you tend to focus on the web as opposed to the spider itself?
 - What would shifting that focus in your life look like?
 - How does this connect to your freedom?
 - (I'll be blunt), what area in your life are you in bondage, and why?
 - What are the cobwebs, and what is the spider?

Thank God for the freedom He purchased for us in Jesus; not only freedom from death (given eternal life!) at our salvation, but ongoing freedom from the spiderwebs of life because the spider has been defeated!