



# GALATIANS

DEEPLY ROOTED FREEDOM

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## ***GALATIANS 5:1-15***

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### **GETTING STARTED...**

"Freedom!" has been the war cry of many revolutions fought across the pages of history and movie screen. There is something innate in human beings that longs for a freedom from outside oppression. The problem is that we are so often looking for freedom in the wrong areas. We strive for political, financial, personal freedom thinking that will give us what we want. However, God has made us to be free, but when sin entered the world we were wrapped in bondage. Even the richest man on earth is in bondage to his sin and no amount of money will change that. It is in Jesus that we find true freedom! No matter where we are, we can have the freedom of Christ, no longer to bound to our sins.

### **READ THE TEXT: GALATIANS 5:1-15**

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For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>2</sup> Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. <sup>3</sup> I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. <sup>4</sup> You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

<sup>7</sup> You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? <sup>8</sup> This persuasion is not from him who calls you. <sup>9</sup> A little leaven leavens the whole lump. <sup>10</sup> I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. <sup>11</sup> But if I, brothers, still preach

circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. <sup>12</sup> I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves! <sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

## **UNDERSTANDING THE WORD**

1. Verse 1 acts as a summary for the next three points, how does each paragraph, how does Paul make each point in vs 2-6, 7-12, 13-15?
2. How does Paul define the "freedom" we have in Christ in this passage? What are we free from?

## **REFLECTING ON THE SERMON**

3. What was the main point of the sermon?
4. What has God been impressing on your heart from the sermon?

## **APPLYING THE POINT**

5. How would you describe the freedom you have in Christ? Where are areas where you feel like you are still trapped in sin?
6. How should Church Discipline and accountability play a part in our spiritual lives? How can we hold one another accountable to fight against sin? Do you have anyone who knows your life and can speak into it?

## **PRAYING & SHARING**

1. How can you share what you have learned with... another believer? An unbeliever?
2. Share and pray for one another in your life group. How can you specifically pray for and encourage one another in response to this text?



## How to Use this Guide

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This guide is intended to help facilitate Promontory Small Groups as they meet to understand the Bible passage, discuss the sermon, and how to put it into practice in our lives. What is contained in this guide is not an exhaustive text analysis nor a full list of questions that can or should be asked during Small Group. This is simply a guide to help **start conversations that are centered on the Word of God**.

The Small Group Guide is separated into three main sections that are arranged with an intentional order: *Understanding the Word*, *Reflecting on the Sermon*, and *Applying the Point*. We want to first understand the Word of God, and then check that understanding by what has been preached, and then discuss how to put it into practice in our own lives. The order is intended to imitate the process of how the Word of God makes changes in our lives. Head, heart, hands, and all of it wrapped in prayer.

Our goal is not that you answer every question in this guide, but that you are able to discuss the Word of God in a way **that helps everyone follow Jesus together!**

*“Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.” - Psalm 111:2*