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Be Free: A Study in Galatians



The book of Galatians is the Apostle Paul's correction of a critical issue that was pivotal in the early Church that brings us the great freedom we enjoy in Christianity.

Is faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior the only _____ to salvation? Or is obedience to certain Old Testament Jewish practices and laws _____ in order to gain salvation in Christ?

Galatians 1:1–9

Embracing Jesus Christ's provision brings freedom—freedom from the past, freedom from the Law, and freedom to serve our living Lord.

The Conflict – The Judaizers have somehow convinced the Gentile Christians in Galatia that they have to both believe in Christ and practice Jewish laws in order to gain God's approval. The Galatians were...

- _____ the grace of God. (*Galatians 1:6–7*)
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- _____ to living by the flesh and their own ability. (*Galatians 1:8–9*)

The Solution—The Apostle Paul was calling the Galatian Christians back to the Gospel. What is the Gospel?

- Jesus Christ is the sinless Son of God who was crucified and resurrected. (*1 Corinthians 15:3–8*)
- Jesus took on the sin of humanity that we might become the _____ of God. (*2 Corinthians 5:21*)
- Salvation for mankind is provided by Jesus and is possible because of grace through _____. (*Ephesians 2:8–9*)

What does this mean for us today?

- Jesus Christ has _____ the law and opened the way to salvation by grace. (*Matthew 5:17*)
- We can live free from the additional _____ to gain salvation.
- Grace doesn't oppose effort, but it does oppose _____.

Answers: prerequisite, required; Deserting; Perverting; Reverting; righteousness; faith; fulfilled; demands; earning



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