

# sermonnotes

## Be Free: A Study in Galatians

The church is called to be representatives of Jesus' love, grace, and truth. However, deception and the ways of man can create division and bring strife to the church, causing the church to be ineffective in its mission of redemption. (2 Corinthians 5:17–18)

As the church today, we are called to promote peace, while protecting truth. We must not allow issues to bring division in the church or dissuade us from the truth of the Gospel.

### **Galatians 2:15–21**

#### **The issue in Paul's day was a false doctrine that was...**

- Promoting law observance \_\_\_\_\_ for salvation. (*Galatians 2:16*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ certain people from the church.
- Bringing \_\_\_\_\_ in the church.
- Limiting the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.

Today we are not facing an issue of the rite of circumcision or keeping the law, but there are critical issues that can create division and distract us from the message of the Gospel. How should we respond to those issues?

1. Speak the \_\_\_\_\_ with love. (*Galatians 2:4–5*)
  - Love must be our motivation and truth must be our guide. (*John 1:14*)
2. Be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ deception and division. (*Galatians 2:11*)
  - We must be willing to have the difficult conversations and engage the problems. If we ignore the issues, they will only create further division.
3. Attack the \_\_\_\_\_, not the person. (*Galatians 2:11–14*)
  - When we attack the person, the usual response is defensiveness, but if we attack the problem we can often come to good solutions.
4. Allow God's Word to be your \_\_\_\_\_. (*Galatians 2:14–21*)
  - As Paul confronted Peter he used God's Word to confront the error and bring correction to Peter. He addressed the issues from a Biblical perspective. (*2 Timothy 3:16–17*)

Until Jesus returns for His church there will be issues, challenges, and differences in the church. If we are to remain united we must be willing to engage in the difficult conversations, be committed to the truth of God's Word, and humbly walk out the truth.

Answers: required; Eliminating; division; effectiveness; truth; confront; problem; guide

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