

# What's happening at Desert Breeze?

- **GRACE BASED PARENTING:** Sunday evenings, Sept 20 – Oct 18, 5:00pm. Childcare available. Sign up now!
- **TRUTH PROJECT:** Begins 9/23, 6:30pm and runs 13 weeks. 78<sup>th</sup> Ave & Jomax. Sign up now!
- **DYNAMIC DUO NIGHT:** “Dynamic Duo” signifies elementary age kids bringing a friend! Fun Games, Crafts, and even Gross Games. \$3 for pizza & a drink! **Friday, 9/25 6-8 pm** in the Elementary room!
- **LADIES BOOK CLUB:** “An Eye For an Eye” by Irene Hannon. Pick it up, read it and meet to chat **Mon, 10/5, 7pm**. Call Kathy @ 602-439-1623!
- **LINGER PRAYER & WORSHIP NIGHT:** Wed, 10/7, 6:30 to 8pm. Come at 6pm for pre-service worship! (No childcare).
- **PAINT-A-THON NEEDS PAINTERS:** IF you want to come paint –we need you! Sat, October 24, 7am-1pm. Sign up Now so we know how many painters we have!
- **GET INVOLVED:** Where do you fit? **Security Team, Event Team, Children’s Ministry** all have openings for volunteers! Fill out a comment card and get involved **NOW!**
- **COMING SOON:** Baptism Celebration Services – October 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Make a public declaration of your faith in Jesus Christ! **Sign up and plan on taking a short class** after church services Sept 26/27, Oct 3/4, Oct 10/11, or Oct 17/18!

Check out our website @ [dbcc.com](http://dbcc.com) for more info & events  
or call the church office 602-374-4588  
Wifi info: DB Guest Password: dbguest1

New Series: **“FREEDOM”**

**(For Freedom Christ has set us Free-Gal5:1)**

There is no greater feeling on earth than being FREE! Ask anyone who has stepped out of prison or broken free from oppression or has kicked an enslaving addiction. With confident expectation they begin a new life. Even more freedom and joy beyond words, are those who have experienced the message found in the New Testament letter of Galatians.

Sept 26/27 **“Living Out the Gospel”** Galations 2:11-16

Oct 3/4 **“The Power of the Gospel”** Galations 3:1-14

Thank You for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.  
Budget Results for September 12/13  
General Giving  
Budget \$17,500 Actual \$19,322

**September 19/20,  
2015**

# FREEDOM

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September 19/20, 2015

Sermon Notes

Ray Davis

## Galatians 2:1-10 “Unity of the Gospel”

There is no greater feeling on earth than being FREE! And nothing will make you FREE like the Gospel. And nothing will bring UNITY quite like the Gospel. Yet, few organizations have fought more often or split more bitterly than the church.

### WHAT’S THE BIG IDEA OF THE TEXT?

It was a meeting in Jerusalem which had huge consequences for us today. In response to a revelation from God externally (v2a) and in response to fear internally (v2b). Nothing was threatening Paul’s certainty, but something was threatening his fruitfulness.

1) False teachers were telling these young Christians that Paul was preaching a gospel that was inadequate and \_\_\_\_\_ as the original apostolic gospel preached by the Jerusalem leaders. V4

2) The fundamental question was whether we need \_\_\_\_\_ external behaviors to internal belief in Christ in order to be saved. That’s why Paul said that “the freedom we have in Christ” (v4) was under threat, and therefore that the very “truth of the gospel” was at stake (v5). Not even Titus... was compelled to be circumcised (v3). They added nothing to my message (v6).

3) Externalities are to do with our doing; internalities have to do with our being: and Christianity is about \_\_\_\_\_, not what I do for Him. V9; Col1:22; John 13:2-11

### HOW DOES THE GOSPEL GIVE FREEDOM?

1) \_\_\_\_\_ Freedom: Works Righteousness = Pride/Fear.  
Grace Righteousness = Humble Confidence. Rom5:1

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Freedom: Anything you add to Christ as a requirement for your happiness will enslave you. Ps16:4

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Freedom: It means accepting anyone and everyone who is “in Christ Jesus” (v4), regardless of their cultural and ethnic background. Gal3:28

### MARKS OF REAL UNITY

1<sup>st</sup> In the essential Christian beliefs \_\_\_\_\_. Vv3, 4  
Deity of Christ, Original Sin, Canon of Scripture, Trinity, Resurrection, Incarnation, Newness of life, Eschatology

2<sup>nd</sup> In non-essential beliefs \_\_\_\_\_. V7

3<sup>rd</sup> But in all our beliefs \_\_\_\_\_. V10

### Growing Notes

1) It is the height of irony that few organizations have fought more often or split more bitterly than the church. Do you agree or disagree? Explain. Why is Gospel unity so important to Jesus (John 17:21)? How important should it be to us as Christians?

2) Read Galatians 2:1-10. Why did Paul go to Jerusalem (v2)? Why did Paul bring Titus along (v3)? What was at stake (vv4-5)? How did the Jerusalem leaders respond to Paul’s message (v6)? What is the big idea of the text?

3) How does the Gospel give freedom spiritually? Psychologically? Culturally? What are the three marks of Christian unity? What are the differences between essential and non-essential Christian beliefs? Why do you think there is little point in describing how to live in light of God’s grace if someone doesn’t yet know God’s Grace? Why in all our beliefs we are to show love (Jn13:34-35)? Pray that db will promote Christian unity without compromising Gospel truth.