

# What's happening at Desert Breeze?

- **THANKSGIVING BOXES ARE HERE:** Pick up a box, fill it and bring it back by **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** and bless a family this holiday season!!
- **SLAM – SERVANT LEADERSHIP AND MENTORING:** Join us for 6 weeks of Thursdays, **6:30pm beginning October 29<sup>th</sup>**. Sign up now at the info table!
- **HARVEST FESTIVAL:** Is Next Friday! **October 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm to 8:30pm** - Prize booths, Bounce houses, Arts/crafts, Music, Food Trucks! Free admission for the whole family!
- **HARVEST FEST NEEDS CANDY!:** Drop your bags of individually wrapped candies in one of the bins in the lobby or Children's Ministry area! Thank you!!
- **FIT 4 LIFE EXERCISE:** Join us for "Re-fit" exercise Saturdays beginning **October 31<sup>st</sup> 8am** at the church offices. This class is for women of any age, size or fitness level! Come have fun getting fit!
- **GET INVOLVED:** Where do you fit? **Security Team & Children's Ministry** have openings for volunteers! Fill out a comment card and get involved **NOW!**

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

Oct 31/Nov 1	<b>"Gospel Allegory"</b>	Galations 4:21-31
Nov 7/8	<b>"Gospel Freedom"</b>	Galations 5:1-15
Nov 14/15	<b>"Gospel Character 1"</b>	Galations 5:16-25

Thank You for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.  
Budget Results for October 17/18  
General Giving  
Budget \$17,500 Actual \$18,892

**October 24/25,  
2015**

# FREEDOM

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Sermon Notes

Ray Davis

## **“Religion vs. the Gospel” Galatians 4:8-20**

The text gives us two contrasts between Religion vs. the Gospel:

1<sup>st</sup> What it looks like in our relationship with God vv8-11

2<sup>nd</sup> What it looks like in our relationship with others vv12-20

Why does it matter? As Paul sees the Galatians failing to do this, he is “afraid” for them (v11) and “perplexed” about them (v20). Life and death, heaven and hell hang in the balance for both this life and the life to come (John 10:10; Matt7:21-23).

## **RELIGION vs. THE GOSPEL**

**What It Looks Like In Our Relationship with God:** (vv8-11)

**1) Religion is about being your \_\_\_\_\_.** Vv8-9

- **Two ways to save yourself:** \_\_\_\_\_ (v8)  
(Breaking all the rules & setting your own course) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (v10) (Keeping all the rules and being very, very good) i.e. Prodigal Sons Luke15:11-32
- **Both \_\_\_\_\_ because they are counterfeit gods.**  
V8 “you were enslaved” v9 “whose slaves you want to be”

**2) The Gospel is about Jesus being your Savior and Lord.** V9

- **To \_\_\_\_\_** Jn17:3; Jer9:23-24
- **To be \_\_\_\_\_** 1Cor4:3-4; Rom5:8-10; 1Jn3:1

**What It Looks Like In Our Relationship with Others:** (vv12-20)

**Gospel centered people/ministries...**

- 1) Seek to balance \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.** vv12-15
- 2) Don’t tell people what they want to hear but what they \_\_\_\_\_.** V16
- 3) Do not need to have fans who are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on them because they seek to glorify  
God, assured of salvation through faith in Him.** V17
- 4) Motivate people not out of fear or pride but a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ by the Gospel.** V18

**5) Desperately want people \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
upon Christ as they do.** vv19-20

“The Gospel frees us from the need for people’s approval and adoration so that we can confront and anger the people we love if that is what is best for them. And although it does not always work, this is the only kind of communication that really changes people. If you love a person so selfishly that you cannot risk their anger, you won’t ever tell them the truth they need to hear. If, on the other hand, you tell a person the truth they need, but with harshness and not with the agony of a lover, they won’t listen to it. But if you speak the truth with lots of love evident at the same time, there is a great chance that what you say will penetrate the heart and heal. A Gospel-based ministry (or person) is marked by loving honesty, not spin, image and flattery.” –Timothy Keller

## **Growing Notes**

- 1)** What is the difference between Religion and the Gospel? Do you think that most people who reject the Gospel are rejecting a biblical understanding of the Gospel? Why is it important to know the difference between Religion and the Gospel (Matt7:21-23)?
- 2)** Read Galatians 4:8-20. What stands out to you? What were their lives like before they knew God (v8)? What are the two ways we try to be our own Savior and Lord (vv8, 10; Luke 15:11-32)? What are the results of our self-salvation efforts (vv8-9)?
- 3)** What does it mean to know God and be known by God (v9)? Why is it more important to be known by God? Why do you think that Christians who are insecure that God loves and accepts them pursue counterfeit gods? Why is the cure to idolatry not just knowing God but being known by God?
- 4)** Review the five points and verses under what a Gospel centered people/ministry looks like along with Keller’s quote. What stand out to you? Why do you think this is the by-product of people who know and are known by God? What is God speaking to your from this study? Pray that we db will continue to be more and more Gospel centered.