

# What's happening at Desert Breeze?

- **THANKSGIVING BOXES:** Be sure to bring your filled boxes back by **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** and bless a family this holiday season!!
- **SUPERMOMMIES:** Meet the second Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is this week - **November 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am.**
- **THE COMMUNITY:** If you are a 20-something young adult and want to get connected – join us **Weds 8:30pm** in suite 106!
- **LADIES BOOK CLUB:** Ladies – grab the book “In Harm’s Way” by Irene Hannon. Read it & meet with us **Mon, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm** to chat about it! Call Kathy @ 602-439-1623 for directions!
- **GRIEFSHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS:** Are you dreading the holidays knowing everything has changed because of the loss of a loved one? Join us as we offer you help and hope as you navigate through the Holiday Season. **Tuesday, November 17, 7:00pm** at the church offices. Sign up now!
- **DYNAMIC DUO NIGHT:** This is our Children’s Ministry Bring a Friend Night – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> graders come celebrate the season of Thanksgiving **Friday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 6pm to 8pm.** \$3 pizza & drink!
- **LADIES CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DINNER:** Ladies mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm!** Tickets are \$15 per person and include dinner and all the festivities! Purchase your tickets now at the Women’s Ministry table!
- **LADIES CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION HELP:** If you’d like to host a table, help set up or clean up – please sign up! 😊
- **FIT 4 LIFE EXERCISE:** Join us for “Re-fit” exercise Saturdays **8am** at the church offices. This class is for women of any age, size or fitness level! Come have fun getting fit!

**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**

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.

Nov 14/15	<b>“Gospel Character 1”</b>	Galatians 5:16-25
Nov 21/22	<b>“Gospel Character 2”</b>	Galatians 5:16-25

Thank You for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.  
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General Giving  
Budget \$17,500 Actual \$17,122

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# FREEDOM

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Sermon Notes

Ray Davis

## “Freedom of the Gospel” Galatians 5:1-15

If salvation is a gift from God by grace through faith in Christ Jesus then what incentive do I have to live a holy life? If you can't earn your salvation by your behavior, and can't “un-earn” it by your behavior than what would motivate you to obey God? It is the Freedom of the Gospel that gives us life changing incentive and motivation to live a life wholly devoted to Christ!

### What is Freedom? V1a “For freedom Christ has set us free.”

- It's not doing whatever you want to do but doing what you were \_\_\_\_\_ . Gen3; Pro14:12, 16:25
- We were designed to know, love and serve God supremely - and we \_\_\_\_\_ when we are \_\_\_\_\_ to that design. 1John4:19; Matt22:34-40; Ex20:1-17
- All have \_\_\_\_\_ of this design (Rom3:23) but God has sent His Son to \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom6:26). Vv5-6, 13b-14 V5 “Hope” = does not mean “wishful thinking” but “I know so. “Righteousness” = it is a completely right record and right relationship with God. All the worth and value you'll ever need!  
V6 Faith in Christ literally energizes love and neither religious moralism nor licentious non-religiosity can do this because both are selfish & insecure. 13b but through love serve one another...

### Can We Lose or Abuse Our Freedom? Vv1b, 13a

- We \_\_\_\_\_ our freedom through \_\_\_\_\_ (I obey therefore God accepts me). V1b “stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” Vv2-4
- We \_\_\_\_\_ our freedom through \_\_\_\_\_ (God accepts me therefore I don't have to obey). V13a “For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh...” v7 “You were running well who hindered you from obeying the truth?”
- The Gospel sets us free from the \_\_\_\_\_ (condemnation) of sin and the \_\_\_\_\_ (motivation) to sin by giving us all the worth and value in Christ we'll ever need. Rom8:1-2

## How Does Freedom Change Everything? Vv5-6, 7-12, 13-15

- In the Gospel, Christ values us and has died for us not for what we bring Him (for we are no profit to Him), but because He loves us for \_\_\_\_\_ (in and of ourselves). V5 For the hope of righteousness...V6b Faith working through love.
- To the degree we see that is to the degree we will love Him \_\_\_\_\_ (in and of Himself). We serve God not for what he brings us, for we already have everything guaranteed, but for who he is and what he has done for us. Also, now we can serve others not for what they bring us, but for who they are in themselves. Vv7-12, 13-15
- The \_\_\_\_\_ we have in our gracious salvation (v5), the more we are compelled by \_\_\_\_\_ to do good for the pure beauty of good, for the pure delight in God, and for the pure love of others (v6).

### Growing Notes

- 1) Paul tells us that Christians need not fear any condemnation from the law because we are righteous in Christ. When many people hear this, they say, “Boy! If I believed that, I'd be able to live any way I wanted!” Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
- 2) Read Galatians 5:1-15. What stands out to you? The thesis of Paul's letter to the Galatians is stated in 5:1a. How is freedom both the means and the end of the Christian life? Even if you are in Perryville Prison but have Christ you are more free than those outside of those prison walls without Him. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
- 3) Why is freedom not doing whatever you want to do but doing what you were designed to do (Gen3; Pro14:12)? What were we designed to do (Matt22:34-40)? How does vv5-6, 13-14 give us a glimpse of Gospel freedom? How can we lose or abuse our freedom (Vv1b, 13a)? What are the consequences (vv2-4, 7-9, 15)?
- 4) How does freedom change everything (Review the last three points)? How does Gospel freedom give us life changing incentive and motivation to live a life wholly devoted to Christ? If we find ourselves unloving, the solution is not to seek to love better or more; it is to look at Christ's sacrificial love for us until our hearts are melted by His love and overflowing with His love to others. Explain. Pray.