



- A. By His life, death, and resurrection, we are set free from the slavery of sin and the fear of death (Galatians 5:1, Romans 8:1-2)
 - 1. We are no longer slaves to sin (Romans 6:6-7)
 - 2. We no longer need to fear death (Romans 6:22-23; Hebrews 2:14-15)
- B. Our freedom is purchased for us by Christ that we may live new lives together (Galatians 5:6, 13-15)
 - 1. We are called to live by faith and to work in love (Galatians 5:6; Galatians 2:20; 2 Thessalonians 1:3)
 - 2. Our freedom in Christ binds us to loving service of others (Galatians 5:13-15; Romans 6:22)
 - 3. Watch out for old ways of living (Galatians 5:15)

- A. Paul opposes Peter (**Galatians 2:11-13**)
 - 1. Peter stood condemned—guilty (**Galatians 2:11**)
 - 2. Because he was afraid of what others might think or do, he stopped table fellowship with others in the church (**Galatians 2:12**)
 - 3. This behavior spread to others, so that they acted hypocritically (**Galatians 2:13**)
- B. Paul seeks to preserve the gospel (**Galatians 2:14; Galatians 2:4-5**)
 - 1. Paul could not stand idly by and watch the gospel being compromised
 - 2. It is possible to unsay with our culture, what we say with our words

- A. To provide rest for the weary (**Matthew 11:28-29**)
- B. To provide strength for the weak (**2 Corinthians 12:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:1**)
- C. To display the glory and beauty of Christ (**John 1:14, 16; 13:34-35**)

GALATIANS 2:11-14

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. 13 And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

SERMON REFLECTIONS

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1. What is it that Jesus frees believers from? What is it that Jesus frees believers to?
2. How can people misuse their Christ-purchased freedom? What would it look like to use your freedom to lovingly serve others?

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3. Why was Peter guilty? What was he doing that prompted Paul to confront him? Why does Paul say Peter is acting hypocritically?
4. How were the actions of Peter and the others compromising the gospel? What does Paul's opposition to Peter say about the importance of gospel culture?

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5. Why must we cultivate a gospel culture in our church? What are some ways you can begin cultivating now?