

# MESSAGE GUIDE

## Freedom (A Study in Galatians)



### CONNECT

- Have you ever started in a new direction in your life (new job, relationship, project, etc.) only to have some doubts arise, causing you to have feelings of heading back to where you were before?

### STUDY

In Galatians 1:6-10, Paul gets to the root of the problem that brought about the letter to the Galatians. After planting some churches founded on the grace-driven Gospel, Paul moved on. In his absence, some false teachers crept into the Galatian churches trying to convince these new believers that faith wasn't enough to be saved. Their message? Hang on to your Christianity, but infuse some Jewish rites and rules to make sure of your salvation.

- Looking at verse 6, what emotion did Paul express when hearing some of the Galatians were actually listening to the false teachers? If you were writing the book of Galatians, what phrase might you have used to express your disappointment and frustration?
- What was it that caused Paul to have such strong feelings of astonishment? (verse 6)
- At the end of verse 6 Paul accuses the false teachers of presenting a false gospel, but at the beginning of verse 7 Paul writes that what they teach is no gospel at all. Why does Paul say this?

- What strong point does Paul make in verses 8-9? How does he make this point?

- Look at verse 10. Why do you think Paul included this declaration in his letter?

### APPLY

- Why would anyone ever be tempted to add works to the Gospel of grace? Note: it happens all the time!
- Have you ever had feelings or thoughts about grace not being enough to complete your salvation?
- Why do you think Paul is so adamant about the Galatians getting back to the Gospel?
- How should the fact that God freely saves us affect the way we live?