

# PREACHING CURRICULUM



**SERMON TITLE:** Be Free!

**SCRIPTURE:** Galatians 5:1-15

*'...biblically, love doesn't enslave, it frees within the boundaries that protect the covenant relationship...'*

*'...the perfection of Christ is sufficient to perfect you...'*

## 1 REVIEW THE SERMON

What implications does the gospel of Jesus Christ have upon our relationships and interactions one with another?

How do the laws of God function to protect our covenant relationship with God?

How does the law free us, rather than enslave us?

How does Paul teach the Galatians (and us) not to look back, but to put our faith wholly in God's grace?

What is the teaching of the metaphor in verse 9? Why the strength of Paul's correction and warning against false teachers in verse 12?

## 2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Why did Christ free you? What are you freed from? What are you freed to?

If you perform any of the laws, why must you perform all of them flawlessly to achieve God's standard?

What is "bestowed" (unmerited) grace that sets Biblical Christianity apart from all other 'religions'?

## 3 APPLY THE TRUTH

How does surrender to works of the law reduce the ability to love others? How is the gospel empowering to love others?

What does the love look like that we are to live our redeemed lives in, and as an example of?

In verse 4, what does it mean "fallen away from grace"? If theology does allow that we are ever lost from Christ, what does it mean experientially throughout the living of our lives to fall from the 'realm', or 'operative' space, of grace?

What does 'operative' grace look like in our lives? How does the truth effect the way you live?

## 4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

How will you learn to allow grace to be operative, or to operate more fully and completely, in your life?