

## LOOKING AHEAD

Date	Scripture	Message
Sept. 20-21	Galatians 5:1	Gospel Freedom
Sept. 27-28	Luke 15:11-24	The Parable: The Younger Son
Oct. 4-5	Luke 15:25-32	The Parable: The Older Son
Oct. 11-12	Luke 15:11-32	The Parable: The Father
Oct. 18-19	Galatians 1:1-9	No Other Gospel: Distorted is Destroyed
Oct. 25-26	Galatians 1:10-24	No Other Gospel: Given by God
Nov. 1-2	Galatians 2:1-10	No Other Gospel: Received by the Apostles
Nov. 8-9	Galatians 2:11-16	No Other Gospel: Christ Above All Part 1
Nov. 15-16	Galatians 2:17-21	No Other Gospel: Christ Above All Part 2



September 20 & 21, 2025 | Introduction | Galatians 5:1 | Joshua Wilhite, pastor

## GALATIANS 1-3

*Ephesians 2:8 For **by grace** you have been saved **through faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 **not a result of works**, so that no one may boast.*

1. The Gospel is SIMPLE, but it can also be SLIPPERY.

*Galatians 1:6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.*

2. In Christ, our PERFORMANCE doesn't determine our ACCEPTANCE.

## ASK YOURSELF:

- What was it like when I first understood the gospel?

## GALATIANS 4-6

1. We experience gospel freedom as we let Jesus DEFINE three things...



a. Our Identity - The BELOVED Son.

*Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive **adoption as sons**.*

b. Our Outlook - An HEIR to the SHARING.

*Galatians 4:7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then **an heir through God**.*

c. Our Ethic - LOVE.

*Galatians 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but **through love serve one another**.*

2. Jesus gives us freedom from the power of our SIN for the pleasure of His SONSHIP.

### ASK YOURSELF:

- Which ditch am I most prone to slip into?

## GOSPEL FREEDOM

*Galatians 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; **stand firm** therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*

1. The gospel is a DOORWAY to walk through.
2. The gospel is a PATHWAY to stick to.

### ASK THE LORD:

- Heavenly Father, thank you for your relentless love for us. Jesus, thank you for laying down your life and making a way for us to find life through You. Holy Spirit, thank you for the transformation you are working to accomplish in us. God, help us to stand firm in gospel freedom.

## SOME RESOURCES FOR FURTHER STUDY

1. [Constable's Notes on Galatians](#), by Dr Thomas L. Constable available on SonicLight.com (A free online commentary)
2. [Galatians for You](#), by Timothy Keller (An easy-to-read commentary)
3. [Galatians](#), by Thomas R. Schreiner, Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. (A more technical commentary)
4. [The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming](#), by Henri Nouwen
5. [Prodigal God](#), by Timothy Keller

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