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Galatians #1

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Galatians 2:11-14

Unchained –The Study of Galatians

Lessons We Learn

1. Christians are meant to _____.
2. Our freedom is to be expressed _____.

The Story Line of Galatians

Many Jews were _____ from their homes and moved to _____.
(Today's Turkey)

On his first and second missionary journeys, Paul _____ these Jews to _____ in Jesus.

Shortly afterwards, other " _____ " visited these churches and told the people that they needed to follow Jewish _____, even though they were now _____.

Paul heard about this, and while in Corinth, wrote a terse _____ to say, DON'T live by _____. _____ your freedom!

Gal. 1:6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel

Gal. 3:1 You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? ...

Gal. 4: 20 how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!

Gal. 5:7 You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth?... 12 As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!



Understanding Freedom

-- There are some things in Scripture that are clearly _____!

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-- There are some things in Scripture, in society, in cultures, and in time periods that are _____.(grey areas).

Today's Story

Gal. 2:11 When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. 12 Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. 13 The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. 14 When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"

1. The Apostle Peter, because of his new _____ in Jesus Christ, began _____ and associating with Gentiles.

2. When his Jewish _____ showed up, Peter _____ he didn't know the _____.

3. Paul challenged Peter's _____.

Our Application

1. Christians often attach chains to _____ that are not necessarily _____... and these are not _____ bad.

2. Chains that we _____ to ourselves, for whatever reason, are often the _____ to break.

3. Chains that are dependent on the _____ or the situation are very _____ to our faith and the faith of others. (one exception!)

4. Chains often times lead to _____ of some form.

5. When others see how you _____ your "chains" they can be led _____.

6. The _____ kind of "chains" are those that you _____ on others.

The Book of Galatians – At a Glance

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