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Message Series
"Galatians: The Gospel of Grace"

"The Gospel that Sets Us Free"

Galatians 5:1-15

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ²Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. ⁷You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸This persuasion is not from him who calls you. ⁹A little leaven leavens the whole lump. ¹⁰I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. ¹¹But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. ¹²I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves! ¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Three options for living out our faith:

Two extremes:

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The balance of the gospel:

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"For freedom Christ has set us free..."

Our three choices:

1. **Legalism:** _____.

What's wrong with legalism?

▶ (v. 2)

▶ (v. 3)

▶ (v. 4)

▶ (v. 5)

2. **License:** _____.

If we're "free," why not license?

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3. **Liberty:** _____.

What does that mean for me?

"So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law." (v. 1, NLT)