

ALL FREEDOM COURSE

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based on the 15 instructions in Galatians 5 & 6

NOTES FOR INDIVIDUALS

Aim: 'to learn how to walk in all freedom'

COURSE PLAN

sample below for preview

SESSION 1 - **in all liberty**

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SESSION 2 - **in all spirituality**

SESSION 3 - **in all mercy**

SESSION 4 - **in all generosity**

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SESSION 1 - in all liberty

Read Galatians 5 verses 1 to 12

to start

- in what verse is the only (double) instruction of this passage?

- a. end of verse 1
- b. verse 6
- c. verse 12

- its context is indicated at the beginning of verse 1 where Paul uses the word freedom

- to know why Paul speaks of freedom you have to know the first 4 chapters; read then these chapters

- summary of the first 4 chapters of the letter to the Galatians:

- * chap.1 v. 1-5: introduction and greetings
- * chap.1 v.6-9: - astonishment of Paul!
- What was the problem?

* chap.1 v.10 until chap.4 v.31: defence of the true Gospel in 2 parts;

1. Chapter 1:10 until Chapter 2:14
2. Chapter 2:15 until Chapter 4:31

* is the 1st part (1.), chapter 1:10 until Chapter 2:14 about

- Paul defending his Ministry with the following contents =
 - . importance and origin of his message,
 - . approval of the other Apostles,
 - . and its firmness against the hypocrisy of Peter

or about

- Paul defending his doctrine with its contents =
 - . Summary of 'justification by faith',
 - . call to the experience of the Galatians,
 - . example of Abraham - his faith and promise,
 - . place of the Law,
 - . call to the friendship of the Galatians,
 - . attention given to the 2 sons of Abraham

* is the 2nd part (2.), 'chapter 2:15 to 4:31 chapter' is about

- Paul defending his Ministry with its contents =
 - . importance and origin of his message,
 - . approval of the other Apostles,

- . and its firmness against the hypocrisy of Peter
- or about
 - Paul defending his doctrine with its contents =
 - . summary of 'justification by faith',
 - . call to the experience of the Galatians,
 - . example of Abraham - his faith and promise,
 - . place of the Law, ... etc ...
- **the conclusion and solution proposed by Paul** is summarized in Gal.5:1
- Paul proclaims loud and strong that the purpose of the salvation of Jesus is **freedom** and non bondage
- Paul therefore instructs Christians to be firm on it and not let themselves be enslaved
- to finish the letter, Paul then wants to instruct Christians to live in all freedom, starting with our passage = Gal.5:1-12

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- **what is the aspect of the Law, the rite that Paul points out in these verses?** see verses 2, 3, 6 and 11
- **where does this rite and why?** (select one)
 1. Gen.9:8-17 = sign of the Covenant between God and Noah after the flood
 2. Gen.17:1-14 = sign of the alliance between God and Abraham and his descendants and repeated in the Law - Lev.12:3
 3. Gen.26:26-33 = sign of the Covenant of peace between Isaac and Abimelech
- using to a dictionary to find the definition of this rite
- **is that Paul against circumcision itself?**
 - see Act.16:1-3: all the more astonishing than this is just after Act.15:1-29
 - and 1 Cor.9:19-23
- **what is the real problem**
- **do you agree that the real problem is to add 'obedience to the Law' to 'faith in Jesus' to be sure of salvation / justification**
- see Gal.1:6-10, 2:16, 3:1-5, 4:8-11 and Act.15:1 and 5 for the answer

- **what are the consequences to add circumcision to faith in Christ given by Paul in our passage?**

Gal.5:2 = _____

Gal.5:3 = _____ (= 'servitude' of the v.1)

Gal.5:4 = _____

Gal.5:6 = _____

Gal.5:7 = _____

Gal.5:8 = _____

- maybe not 'circumcision' **but is there danger of 'addition' today?**

- do you agree or do you have observed one or more 'additions' today around you or you?

- **what about things like**

'one or more of the 10 commandments?

belonging to a church or denomination?

water baptism?

the baptism of St Esprit?

- **can one conclude that the consequences are the same?**

- **is the solution is also the same?**

Yes, one of the goals of the salvation of Jesus is still, not bondage but freedom and we must stand firm on this matter

to sum up:

Actions to take

- remember that the only Gospel is to believe in Jesus Christ in order to be justified by faith in Christ
- not to want or let anything be added to this Gospel, not even the works of the Law
- not to be diverted from this truth by whomever or whatever it might be, not even an Angel
- always keep firmly in mind that one of the goals of salvation by Jesus Christ is freedom and therefore not be enslaved by anything