

GALATIANS

FREEDOM THROUGH CHRIST



MCA

Sermon Outline

Key verse

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Galatians 1:10

Christ frees us from the trap of people-pleasing

1. Our standard is the Bible

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷ which is really no gospel at all.

Galatians 1:6-7a

2. Our priority is Christ

Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 10:28

FREEDOM FROM PEOPLE PLEASING

NOVEMBER 3
DISCUSSION GUIDE

Opening Thought

Our goal should be to live for God by choosing to find our validation and acceptance in him rather than people. As we begin our study of Galatians, we realize that we shouldn't be so concerned with people think! Christ frees us from being people-pleasers.

Ice breakers

- When you were young, whose approval meant the most to you?
- Have you ever cared too much about what others thought? How did being a people-pleaser affect you?

Dig Deeper

- People-pleasers obsess over what others think. What is the result?
- How is fearing what others think a snare? See Proverbs 29:25)
- Read Galatians 1:10. If we were to prioritize Christ's approval over the approval of others, how might that change our lives and our relationships?
- In this morning's sermon John shared that people-pleasing is idolatry. How can that be?
- Read the following passages. What can we learn from these about people-pleasing? Acts 5:29, Ephesians 5:10, Matthew 6:1-4, John 12:42-46.
- What is the difference between judging and discerning?

Closing

The approval of God is more important than the applause of people! Make Christ and his Kingdom your priority and live in gratitude for all he has done. *"We speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts... We were not looking for praise from people..."* (1 Thessalonians 2:4, 6)