

Sermon: The gospel's freedom call.
Series: Galatians: Gospel Freedom.

Scripture: Gal. 1:11-24.
Date: September 13, 2026

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) In verses 11-13, Paul talks about “man’s gospel” and his break from religion (“my former life in Judaism”). What forms of “man’s gospel” and religion did you have to leave behind when you received Christ and the true gospel of God?
- b) We said that religion offers us “secure enslavements.” Can you identify any religious things that have become your security over the security of your salvation in Christ? For example: a symbol, a prayer, a ritual, a tradition, a song, a conviction, or a ministry?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) We said that if we get the gospel wrong we get God wrong – we tell a lie about God. What does legalism (Jesus + the law) get wrong about God? What lie does it tell about him?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Read verse 12. Paul’s conversion came through “a revelation of Jesus Christ.” Why is it so important that the gospel be a revelation of the person of Jesus and not a teaching, law code, ethic, philosophy, etc.?
- b) Read verse 16. Paul says that God was pleased to reveal his Son IN Paul (note: some versions use the word “to,” but we prefer “in”). How might your life look different if you really believed that Jesus is being revealed in and through you today?

APPLICATION

- a) Galatians 1:11 begins what we call “the autobiographical section” of the letter, where Paul shares his story (his testimony) from persecutor to preacher. What is your “gospel freedom story?” Put yourself into verse 23-24: “I used to _____ but now I am _____, and they glorified God because of me.”
- b) Paul’s conversion was also a calling. Do you see your life in Christ this way? What calling has God placed upon your life (don’t overthink this)?

PRAYER

- Acknowledge that God will not tolerate anything other than us coming to him for his grace.
- Confess the ways that you have tried to find security in religion or a man-made gospel.
- Thank Jesus for living his life in and through you.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help your life to reveal Jesus to others.