

sermon notes

Pastor Tony Caffey, VBVF | “AWOL From Grace”
December 4, 2024 | “Born to Be Free” | **Galatians 4:21–31**

1. Freedom is rooted in God’s _____ (4:21–23)

2. Freedom is incompatible with _____ (4:24–27)

3. Freedom is accompanied by _____ (4:28–29)

4. Freedom is worth _____ (4:30–31)

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Discuss the concept of freedom. How does our world describe freedom? How does it differ from the Bible’s view of freedom? What are some things that people are enslaved to in this world? What are some things that you need freedom from through the truth of God’s Word?

Read John 8:31–38. What kind of freedom does Jesus describe in this passage? Is this a freedom to do whatever our hearts desire? Is this the freedom of complete and total autonomy?

Read Galatians 4:21–31. How is freedom described by the Apostle Paul? In what ways is freedom compared to the law (legalism)? How is freedom paired with grace? How is it paired with God’s promises? How is it paired with the Spirit, but not the flesh?

Explain the allegory/typology of Hagar and Sarah. How does Paul use the sons of Hagar and Sarah to compare and contrast the difference between the old covenant and the new covenant?

GET PERSONAL

If Christians are really free from sin and death, then how should that change the way that we live our lives? Should we be filled with fear? Are you filled with fear? Should we be enslaved to sin? Are you enslaved to sin? Should we be afraid to die? Are you afraid to die?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

What are some things that God has freed you from? Take a moment to express your thankfulness to the Lord for the freedom you’ve experienced in Christ Jesus. Where do you fail to experience freedom in your Christian life? Pray through that and ask God for help in experiencing freedom in that area.

ADVANCED QUESTIONS

What does Paul mean in verse 26 when he says, “the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother?” What is the Jerusalem above? How is she our mother? How is this an expression of freedom?

How would you respond to someone who said it was ethically wrong for Abraham and Sarah to cast Hagar and Ishmael out of their home? Why doesn’t Paul deal with the ethics of that matter in Galatians 4?