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Freedom Isn't Is Free Galatians 3:23-4:7

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#### Memory Verse:

John 8:36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. Gal. 3:23 But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. Luke 4:18 "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME... TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED. II Cor. 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is

Gal. 5:1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm

and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

## Keys to Living Free:

# I. \_\_\_\_\_\_in Christ.

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Galatians 3:23-26 But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. 24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. 26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Faith in Christ sets you free to be accepted by God

#### in Christ

Galatians 3:27-29 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

- Baptism sets you free to belong
- Baptism sets you free from the bondage of needing to belong.

## III. Receiving the .

Galatians 4:1-7 Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, 2 but he is under quardians and managers until the date set by the father. 3 So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world. 4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, 5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

The gift of the Holy Spirit sets us free from the fear of the future.

Point:

### Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



- 1. What enslaves you? What traps you? What keeps you from being free to be the person God created you to be?
  - Regret of past mistakes.
  - The perception of others.
  - Needing to be right.
  - A co-dependent relationship.
  - Abuse, Shame, Guilt, Depression
  - Idols in your life: Materialism, Hedonism, Workaholism
  - Debt, Discrimination, Poverty
- What do you need Christ to do to set you free?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Todd about your relationship with Christ, please email pastortodd@thevineva.org to set up an appointment.