

**LIFE IN A PEN OR A PALACE:
WHY CHOOSE SLAVERY AGAIN?**

(True Freedom: Galatians- part 6)

February 18, 2018

Galatians 4:8-31

1. PAUL'S _____ :

The Galatians' _____ (4:8-20)

2. PAUL'S _____ :

Hagar and _____ (4:21-31)

Fill-ins: PERPLEXITY; Regression; PICTURE; Sarah

(For audio, electronic outline, Life Group questions for today's message, go to <http://goldcoastchurch.org/?sermons-category=sermons>.)

Life Group Questions for the week of February 18, 2018

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. This Sunday we saw Paul's concern that the Galatian Christians were regressing back to slavery under the Old Testament law. A life of freedom in Jesus can only be achieved by staying connected to him. What help do the following verses offer us for staying connected in our relationship with Jesus?

Psalms 139:23-24; James 4:17; Matthew 5:23-24; Romans 12:18

Can you think of anything from these verses that you could start or stop doing to help you stay consistently connected to Jesus?

3. The purpose of God's commandments has been misunderstood over time and yet still passed on in church and in homes. As we grow more in our faith and understanding of God's word, we have the opportunity to help family and friends more closely align with God's truth. How does Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 24-25 help us better understand how to apply the principles of the 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) in our lives?

What actions does God want the people to take in the verses above and how do they still apply to us today?

4. Read Galatians 4:8,9. Paul reminds the Galatians that they had been serving idols/false gods before coming to Christ. Many are unaware that an idol (aka "other god") can be anything in life that we've made more important than God. As you read through the following list, write down how each could become an idol. Next, read through the corresponding verses and jot down any truths or new insights that might help someone deal with an idol in their life.

Potential Idols

Possessions

Relationships

Performance

Perfectionism

Work

Read

Luke 16:13

1 John 2:15-17

Galatians 5:13

Colossians 3:17

Romans 3:23

Luke 10:40-41

How might someone be able to determine the fine line between something being a priority and something being an idol in their life?

5. Religious disciplines can't make us right with God. But it's also true that spiritual disciplines can be beneficial for us if done with the right motives. As you go through the following verses, write down some reasons why the disciplines referred to might be done for the wrong reasons and then how they could be done for the right reasons:

Acts 22:16; Mark 12:41-44; Matthew 6:9-13; Matthew 26:26-28

How might these disciplines help you personally if you were to focus on doing them with the right motives? Can you think of any other spiritual disciplines you incorporate into your week? If so, what are they and how do they help you?