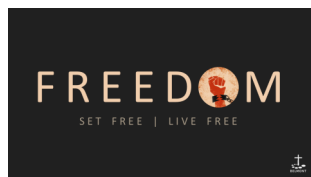




EARLY AUTUMN 2021

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The Galatians found themselves in a situation of crisis. What were they to do? To listen and follow what the Apostle Paul had taught them about Jesus Christ, or to listen to other preachers who opposed him? For the Galatians, coming to know Jesus and believing in the work of salvation

accomplished by Christ's death and resurrection, was truly the beginning of a new life; a life of freedom. But now, faced with criticism from others, they felt lost and uncertain about how to behave: 'But who is right? Paul, or these people who now come teaching other things? Who should I listen to?' In short, there was a lot at stake! In response to their uncertainty Paul writes a stirring defense of the gospel. A timely reminder for us all that it's through Christ, and Christ alone, that we have been set free to live free.

Join us as we study the book of Galatians during our morning times of gathered worship this term and in our small-group sessions in the week.



On the one hand, some Christians stress the importance of keeping all the rules – that you must do this and never do that if you want to show you are a Christian. On the other hand, there are those who reject the whole idea of rules or traditions in the church and see the point of the Christian

faith as setting us free from the burden of institutionalized religion. The Apostle Paul, towards the end of his letter to the Galatian church, addresses these two competing views by showing us a far better way – a truly Christian way to live our lives. It is the way of the Spirit of God given to us through Christ. Paul's instruction is four-fold; "We are to walk by the Spirit, be led by the Spirit, live by the Spirit, and keep in step with the Spirit." A life that cultivates love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

A series of six late Sunday afternoon sessions exploring the themes of Galatians 5:22-23 through word, film, prayer, discussion and music.

Date	Sunday Morning at 10:00am in-person and available on-line	Sunday Afternoon at 4:00pm in-person	Sunday Afternoon at 5:00pm in-person	Sunday Evening at 7:00pm in-person unless stated
19th September	Freedom Free by Grace Jonny Baker Galatians 1:1-24		Living the Fruit of the Spirit Being Human Philippians 2:1-13	Evening Prayer on-line only - Zoom details as per Focus
26th September	Freedom Free through Faith Saz Flint Galatians 2:1-21	Forest Church gathered praise and worship outdoors	Living the Fruit of the Spirit Love 1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Evening Prayer on-line only - Zoom details as per Focus
3rd October	All-Together Worship everyone praising and experiencing God together	Communion a quiet and reflective service of remembrance	Living the Fruit of the Spirit Patience and Kindness Exodus 34:6, 2 Sam. 9:1-13	Evening Prayer on-line only - Zoom details as per Focus
10th October	Freedom Free in Christ Paul Cooke Galatians 3:1-25		Living the Fruit of the Spirit Joy and Peace John 14:25-15:13	Evening Prayer on-line only - Zoom details as per Focus
17th October	Freedom Free as Children Nick Goldsworthy Galatians 3:26-4:31		Living the Fruit of the Spirit Goodness and Faithfulness 1 Peter 3:15	
24th October	Freedom Free to Run Paul Cooke Galatians 5:1-15		Living the Fruit of the Spirit Gentleness and Self-Control Matthew 11:28-12:21	Prayer and Praise celebrating together in sung worship and prayer
31st October	Freedom Free to Live Saz Flint Galatians 5:16-26	Light and Bright Party a Young Belmont event- more details in Focus	Difference a 5-part discussion series - more details in Focus	

To find out about **other opportunities to celebrate communion** please read Focus or check MyChurchSuite for details.



But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

Links to the **Sunday Morning Service** and all other Belmont activities can be found on the Belmont website at www.belmontexeter.church/news/.

Look out for more details in Focus and on MyChurchSuite to connect to the **Sunday Evening Prayer** times.

For **Young Families** please check out this [Facebook page](#).

If you would like to be connected with a local Belmont Home Group then please contact the Office at office@belmontchapel.org.uk. **All these links** are available through MyChurchSuite for those with access.

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