

<u>Freedom in Christ vs. Bondage (Galatians 5:1-15) - Freedom</u>
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Are you standing in the liberty of Jesus Christ?

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. **Galatians 5:1**

Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. Galatians 5:2

And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. **Galatians 5:3**

You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. **Galatians 5:4**

Legalism leaves you entangled, in debt, and estranged from Christ

For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. Galatians 5:5

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love. **Galatians 5:6**

Liberty leaves you Spirit-filled, hopeful, and serving through love

You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? Galatians 5:7

This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you. Galatians 5:8

A little leaven leavens the whole lump. **Galatians 5:9**

I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is. **Galatians 5:10**

And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased. **Galatians 5:11**

I could wish that those who trouble you would even cut themselves off! Galatians 5:12

For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. **Galatians 5:13**

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." **Galatians 5:14**

But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another! Galatians 5:15

Lawlessness leaves you selfish, opportunistic, and emptied of God's love

Matthew 7:11, 1 John 1:9, Psalm 103:12

Psalm 51, Romans 8, Galatians 5:16-26

This Week's New Testament+ reading plan:

- 1. 1 Corinthians 12
- 2. 1 Corinthians 13
- 3. 1 Corinthians 14
- 4. 1 Corinthians 15
- 5. 1 Corinthians 16
- 6. Isaiah 25
- 7. Prayer & Reflection

NURSERY

GOD MAKES THINGS GROW



CREATION (PART 2)

In this series we'll be learning that God made plants, animals and people to grow! He cares and wants all living things to grow! We can be glad that God makes things to grow!

Memory Verse: "God Makes Things Grow." 1 Corinthians 3:7 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: God Made People Grow

Parent Connect: Today we learned God makes people grow! As a family, make overlapping handprints to show how each of you has grown since you were little. Talk about why the grownups hands are bigger – God has been growing us all for different times!

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BIBLE STORY REVIEW



Reviewing and highlighting big points throuhout God's Word! How God loves us, how we should love others, be thankful and always be brave as God is with us!

Memory Verse: Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son, and the holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

Heart of the Lesson: Love Others - Luke 10:25-37

Parent Connect: Today we learned the story of The Good Samaritan! We learned how the Good Samaritan chose to love others and help the hurt man. Make your own "Good Samaritan bag" – fill it with bandages, a few dollars, and cards inviting to church. Keep it in your car or kid's bag and use it when you see someone who is hurt, in need, or sad!

ELEMENTARY

TORCHLIGHTER



HEROES OF THE FAITH

Heroes of the Faith: For the month of June, we are highlighting people whose stories show tremendous faith in the Lord. We are kicking our feet up for summer and learning with these engaging videos, discussion time in groups, and a fun game to round it all out. Prepare your hearts to be inspired and to have a fun time with the kids together.

Memory Verse: If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." – Romans 10:9

Heart of the Lesson: St. Patrick

Parent Connect: When everyone is together, go around and share one thing you are praying for. Then after everyone has shared, pray for the person on your right.

QUICK PICS OF G56



At Grace 56, we exist to bridge the gap from wonder to passion through discovery and community. In this month-long series, the new students will be welcomed into G56, and everyone will have the opportunity to get to know each other, and learn what we're all about in G56!

Memory Verse: Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

Heart of the Lesson: Wonder and Passion - Matthew 21:18-22, 1 Corinthians 1:8-9, 1 Peter 5:7, John 3:16

Parent Connect: Do you ask questions to try to get to know God better? Write down the questions you have about God, The Bible, or your faith!

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

FREEDOM

What does it mean to have freedom in Jesus?

We have true freedom in Jesus! But while we have true freedom, we're tempted to make ourselves happy in what the world offers. In this series, we're looking at the book of Galatians to remember how amazing and complete our freedom in Jesus truly is!

Memory Verse: Galatians 5:1 (NIRV) Christ has set us free to enjoy our freedom. So remain strong in the faith. Don't let the chains of slavery hold you again.

Heart of the Lesson: I can live in the freedom of Jesus! (Galatians 5:1-15)

Parent Connect:

- Are we supposed to use our freedom to sin?
- What did Christ set us free to do?
- How can you love God?
- How can you love others?