

# I. Life in the Spirit — Faith & Freedom

## A. Galatians Overview

1-2 Biography

3-4 Theology of Faith

5-6 Holy Spirit Lifestyle

## B. Authentic Gospel of Radical Freedom

### 1. Not human

[Galatians 1:11-12](#) For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is **not man's gospel**. 12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I **received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ:**

**“My gospel”** in ch 16 of Romans...

### 2. Freedom and Rescue *[slide 1]*

[Galatians 1:3-4](#) **Grace** to you and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who **gave himself** for our sins **to deliver us from the present evil age**, according to the will of our God and Father,”

After 3 years visited Peter and James

## II. Controversy that Sets the Stage

[Galatians 2:1-2](#) (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Then **after fourteen years** I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me.

<sup>2</sup> I went up **because of a revelation** and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order **to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain**.

### A. The Visit to Jerusalem

14 years after the first visit

## B. Resisting Threats to Freedom

The Judaizers (a cultural hangover) — uncomfortable with Gentile culture. Outwardly, circumcision and avoiding contamination of gentile contamination.

Deeper level — NOT living in RADICAL NEW CREATION IDENTITY — The TRUTH of the GOSPEL.

[Galatians 2:3-5](#) (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek.

<sup>4</sup> Yet **because of false brothers** secretly brought in—who **slipped in to spy out our freedom** that we have in Christ Jesus, so **that they might bring us into slavery**—

<sup>5</sup> to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, **so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.**

**Later-**

[Acts 15:1](#) ...Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”

[Galatians 2:9](#) (ESV) and when **James** and **Cephas** and **John**, who seemed to be pillars, **perceived the grace** that was given to me, they **gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me**, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

## C. Persistent Traces of

### 1. Why Peter’s example mattered

[Galatians 2:11](#) But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

When...

Eating with Gentiles, Separated, even Barnabas followed

### 2. Paul’s defense of FREEDOM

[Galatians 2:14](#) But when I saw that their conduct was not in step (*Lit - walking straight*) with the **truth of the gospel**, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

### III. Paul's Defense of Freedom

#### A. Justification by Faith

[Galatians 2:15-16](#) We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners;

**16** yet we know that a person is **not justified by works** of the law **but through faith in Jesus Christ**, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and **not by works** of the law, because **by works** of the law **no one will be justified.**”

#### B. No Turning Back

[Galatians 2:18-20](#) For **if I rebuild what I tore down**, I prove myself to be a transgressor.

“I do not NULLIFY grace...”v 21

#### C. To Die SO THAT I Might Live

**19** For **through the law** I died to the law, **so that** I might live to God.

SUBJUNCTIVE — what is POSSIBLE

*Requires Consent, Cooperation, Participation to Realize*

[Romans 7:4](#) Likewise, my brothers, you also have **died to the law through the body of Christ**, so that you may **belong to another**, to him who has been raised from the dead, **in order that** we may **bear fruit for God.**

#### D. The Life I Now Live *[slide 2]*

**20** I have been **crucified with Christ**. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the **life I now live** in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

[Galatians 2:21](#) I do not nullify the grace of God, for **if** righteousness were through the law, **then** Christ died for no purpose.

## IV. Life in the Spirit — Paul’s Gospel

### A. Promise of the Father

A LIFE OF LOVE, SHALOM, and POWER

[Luke 24:49](#) And behold, I am sending ***the promise of my Father upon you***. But **stay** in the city **until** you are ***clothed with power from on high***.

RECEIVED out of believing what is declared

[Acts 1:8](#) But ***you will receive power*** when ***the Holy Spirit has come upon you***, and ***you will be*** my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

[Galatians 3:2](#) Let me ask you only this: ***Did you receive the Spirit*** by works of the law or by hearing with faith?

### B. Don’t be Stupid — Can’t EARN a Gift

It’s already been given. It was already received

***The Promise of the Father.***

Not Fully Grasping that it is a New Covenant.

[Galatians 3:3](#) Are you so foolish? Having begun ***by the Spirit***, are you now being perfected ***by the flesh?***

NIV84 attain the goal by human effort?

[Galatians 3:4](#) (NRSV) Did you experience so much for nothing?—if it really was for nothing.

[Galatians 3:5](#) Does ***he who supplies the Spirit*** to you and ***works miracles*** among you do so ***by*** works of the law, or ***by*** hearing with faith—”

[Galatians 3:13–14](#) Christ ***redeemed us from the curse*** of the law ... **14** **so that** in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that ***we might receive the promised Spirit*** through faith.”

## B. Life in the Spirit FULFILLS the Intention of the Law

[Galatians 5:1](#) For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. *[slide 3]*

[Galatians 5:16](#) But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

[Galatians 5:18](#) But if you are *led by the Spirit*, you are *not under the law*.

[Romans 8:3-4](#) (ESV) For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he *condemned sin* in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that *the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us*, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

[Galatians 5:25](#) If we live by the Spirit, let us also *keep in step with the Spirit.*” *[slide 4]*

KINGDOM OF GOD is LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

## V. Daily - Come, Drink, Fill

**Breathe in the Breath of Christ — Drink the River that Makes Glad**

**Fill to overflowing (rivers to flow)**

**Liberate, Deliver**

**Sanctify — supernatural access, divine nature**

**Convict, convince of sin, righteousness, and judgment**

**Repentance — transform my mind**

**the Father and the Son — Spirit of Adoption**

**Adoption — Abba Father**

**Clothe in Light, Fire, Wind, Oil,**

**Saturate**

**Empower**

**Speak to and through**

**Unpack the Gifts**

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