

Sermon Scavenger Hunt

Galatians 5:1-15

Think about it...If asked for a one word description of Christianity what would you say? If you went down to State Street this afternoon and walked up to random people and asked them for a one-word description of Christianity, what do you think they would say?

Sermon Scavenger Hunt Questions...Listen to the sermon to discover answers to the following questions. Submit your answers for a prize!



1. In Galatians 5, Paul's one-word description of Christianity is what? _____
2. Why wouldn't most people think of this word to describe Christianity? Do you think Paul's word is a good description? Why or why not?

Read Galatians 5:1

¹ It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

3. In Christ, what are we free from? How is a yoke a good word-picture emphasizing Paul's point?

Read Galatians 5:2.

² Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all.

4. How is adding our own works to gain God's favor a little like copying over Babe Ruth's faded autograph on the baseball?

Read Galatians 4:12-20.

³ Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴ You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

5. If we try and justify ourselves before God based on our own obedience, then we have fallen away from God's _____. (Hint: see verse 4).
6. True or False. In the Bible, *hope* is the confident expectation of what God has promised grounded in God's faithfulness. Hope is a done deal not a 50/50 chance!
7. *The righteousness for which we hope* is pointing us to the complete and full restoration God's people are going to receive through Jesus Christ. You will be made righteous in Christ. How is this freeing to you?

Read Galatians 5:7-12.

⁷ You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? ⁸ That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. ⁹ "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough." ¹⁰ I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion, whoever that may be, will have to pay the penalty. ¹¹ Brothers and sisters, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. ¹² As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!

8. Paul is getting fired up and feisty because he understands the seriousness of the message taught by false teachers. How are the false teachers like yeast in dough?

Read Galatians 5:13-15

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

9. True or False. True freedom is absence of the law. We now have the freedom to do whatever we please.
10. How might people indulge themselves in their freedom in Christ and in so doing fail to love their neighbor?
11. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, what two different ways were the brothers enslaved?

Read Matthew 11:28-30.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

12. How is Jesus' yoke different than the yoke of earning our salvation?