

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Jared Hinds - went to Dominican this week because of infection. He is done with his chemo and will start his 100 day process of bone marrow transplant in about 4 weeks. Pray that he can fight this infection and then stay infection free as his immune system is very weak.

Gene Cutler - is back at Dominican Hospital. Gene had a brain aneurysm on 8/14 and has slowly been moving forward over recent months. Please continue to pray for a miraculous recovery and for peace and comfort for his wife Ginni and the family.

Lorraine Windsor - has been in ICU at Dominican for 3 weeks. Please pray that she will feel God's presence.

Pat Condry - is at Dominican Hospital with edema and heart complications. Please pray for God's comfort and His peace that passes all understanding.

Bola Taylor, missionary in Japan - is in the hospital the entire month of March for chemotherapy for ovarian cancer. Pray that they continue to trust and depend on God during this difficult time.

Joy Williams, Susie and Gary's daughter - is still recovering from heart complications and because she developed a fever this week, her cardiologist put her back in the hospital. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and for peace and comfort for the family.

TLC SHUT-INS

If you would like to deliver an Easter flower to a shut-in during the week of March 30th-April 2nd, please call Carrie Clark @ 465-3368.

We would love to visit your loved ones in the hospital. Contact Carrie Clark 465.3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



EXPERIENCING TRUE FREEDOM GALATIANS 5:1-14

MARCH 28 & 29
RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

On Palm Sunday, the people perceived Jesus as their route to political freedom. But he came to bring an even deeper freedom...

REVIEW:

| TEMPLE MODEL | GRACE MODEL |
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TRUTHS EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO KNOW:

1. THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST: _____
It is for **freedom** that Christ has set us **free**. Gal 5:1a
2. THE PRODUCT OF LEGALISM: _____
Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of **slavery**. Gal. 5:1b
 - _____ to endless rules
Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is **obligated** to obey the whole law. Gal. 5:2,3
 - _____ with self
You who are trying to be justified by the law have been **alienated from Christ**; you have **fallen away from grace**. Gal. 5:4An obsession with right and wrong makes me _____-conscious rather than _____-conscious

3. THE POINT OF GRACE: _____

For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. **The only thing that counts** is faith expressing itself through **love**. Gal. 5:5,6 (See verses 7,8)

• DON'T _____

A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough. Gal. 5:9 (See verses 10-12)

• DON'T _____

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another humbly in love. Gal. 5:13

• DON'T _____

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Gal. 5:14



After Easter:

How Grace Frees Me From Self-Destructive Sinful Behavior

MEMORY VERSE: 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. Galatians 5:1

DAILY MEDITATIONS

MONDAY Read Galatians 5:1. What kind of "slavery" is Paul talking about in this verse? (Hint: See Galatians 4:9) Would it surprise people to see that Jesus came to set us free – not just from sin, but also from religious legalism? How does this counteract the image many people have of Christianity? How can religious rules lead to slavery? How have you seen this in your life, or in the lives of others? Thank God for his freedom, and ask Him to help you stay free!

TUESDAY Read Galatians 5 :2-4. For the Galatians, legalism meant trying to keep all the Jewish laws. But legalism comes in many forms. It means trying to earn favor with God through a system of religious rules instead of a simple focus on Christ and his grace. What are the side effects of legalism Paul warns against here? How does an obsession with right and wrong "alienate" us from Christ? How have you seen this in your own life or the lives of others? As you pray, ask God to make the message of grace clear this Easter to all who visit TLC!

WEDNESDAY Read Galatians 5:5-6. How does Paul sum up the value of circumcision (which stands for all the religious rules the Galatians were being told to follow)? According to these verses, what really matters? How can this be true – don't other things matter as well? What does this verse mean practically to you today—how can you apply this? Thank God for his grace and love to you, and ask him to help you remain simply focused on his love. Pray that your faith will express itself in love to others this week.

THURSDAY Read Galatians 5:7-14. How do some Christians abuse their freedom in Christ? How were the Galatians to use their freedom? Who is one person to whom you can show love today? As you thank God for his grace, ask him to help you see how you can show love today.

FRIDAY Read John 19:16-30 and meditate on the price Jesus paid for our freedom on Good Friday. Though grace is free to us, it cost Jesus everything. Tell God how grateful you are.

SATURDAY Please read the resurrection account in John 20:1-20 to prepare yourself spiritually for Easter! Please pray that the services this weekend will reach many people! Thank you!