

Children's Lesson

Galatians 2:1-10

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Let's begin by watching Pastor Cody's sermon.

Look at Galatians 2:4b-5.

Paul is talking about "freedom in Christ Jesus." What does it mean to be free in Jesus?

I can tell you what it doesn't mean. It doesn't mean that once we become Christians, we are free to do whatever we want. This is not the freedom that Jesus promised to us. Look up these two verses: Luke 4:18 and John 8:34-36. Jesus is talking about setting us free.

What are we set free from?

If we are set free from sin, why do you think we continue to sin?

Jesus was saying that we are all under the power and control of sin. It is something we cannot get away from on our own. You know that sin brings a consequence (or penalty) that we can't escape. (Romans 6:23) So how do we become free from the penalty and the power of sin?

The most important thing we can do is to accept that Jesus' death on the cross was the payment for our sin and ask Him to be Lord of our life. That means He is in authority over us; we submit to Him. As we choose to follow Him and trust Him, our sinful habits lose their control in our lives. So Jesus wasn't setting us free to do whatever we wanted; He was freeing us to do what we should do. He was giving us the freedom to walk in a relationship with God and to be the kind of people He created us to be.

Here is an activity to do with your parent's help:

(Needed: masking tape and something to write with)



Make a fist with your right hand and have your parent wrap a band of masking tape snugly around your closed fist--secure fingers and thumb so they can't move. Have your parent write sin all around the tape and talk about how without Christ, we are bound as slaves to sin. Try to open your hand to shake your parent's hand. You can't shake a hand can you? You also can't lift an open hand to praise God. What other things are you unable to do?

When we trust in Jesus, God breaks the power of sin in our lives. Have your parent break the tape so you can move your fingers, but leave the tape on the back of your hand. This shows us that even though we are set free, sin remains a part of our lives. Now you shake hands, praise God and do other things. But we can also choose to do not so nice things with our hands. What are some things we might do with our hands that is not good?

Every day we need to remember to choose to be free from sin and to live for God. And when we do sin, pray about it and ask God to forgive you, and trust that He will. His Word promises!