

Sermon-based Guide Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Week of January 3 Galatians Chapter 1

Primary Scripture: Galatians 1:3-9 Secondary Scripture: Acts 7:59-8:3; 9:1-31

## **Sermon Summary**

## Set Free By Christ

Paul is setting out – with great urgency – to remind the Galatians of how Jesus Christ has freed them (from their sins and the evil age). This is the heart of his message in Galatians: that Jesus has freed us. No one else or no other system can do what Jesus can do.

This is Paul's great theme throughout Galatians: Jesus has freed us. It's a theme that Paul consistently contrasts to the attempts of this group of Jewish-Christian leaders who have infiltrated Galatia with a claim that Jesus, alone, is not sufficient, that you must maintain Jewish law and customs in order to be save, in order to be freed.

## Questions

- 1. How does Jesus free us? Paul says he "gave himself for our sins." What does that mean?
- 2. Do you know Jesus as the sole source of your freedom? How have you been freed?
- 3. What are the "addendum traps" of our age? What have we attached to Jesus and said is necessary for our freedom? Nationalism? Any political worldview? Legalism?