

# South Africa

# January 2026





# SET FREE: *LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF* GRACE

Part 2 – Galatians 1:1-10

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF GALATIANS





SET FREE: **LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GRACE**



Paul's urgent concern **AND SO** unusually there is no good news for these guys!

No real affection, no warm greetings: the Galatians are abandoning the true gospel for a distorted one.

Paul writes to the Galatians—and he's shocked.

- Not by persecution.
- Not by culture.
- But by the church.



# **THINK FOR A MOMENT - HOW WAS FAITH UNDERSTOOD, EXPLAINED, EXPRESSED IN YOUR HOME CULTURE?**

- **Rules to follow?**
- **A community to belong to?**
- **A gift of grace?**

**SET FREE: LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GRACE**



**THE GOSPEL OF GRACE IS ROOTED  
IN THE WORK OF CHRIST ALONE.**

**(GALATIANS 1:3–5)**

SET FREE: **LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GRACE**



- Grace and peace come from God through Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins.
- Salvation is the finished work accomplished by Christ, rooted in God's will, **NOT** human effort.

CHRISTIANITY IS THEREFORE NOT  
ABOUT SELF-IMPROVEMENT BUT A  
**DIVINE RESCUE.**

SET FREE: LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GRACE







That's why prayer becomes vital – it is reaffirming our dependency on God

**“Turn the Battle”** is a national call to three days of united prayer across the UK. A focused time to seek God together — not as a single event in one location, but as a movement of united prayer across many.

### 1. **A Fresh Commitment to Prayer**

Seeking God with hunger and humility.

### 2. **A Fresh Commitment to Consecration**

Returning to holiness and wholehearted obedience.

### 3. **A Fresh Commitment to Bold Living**

Courageous witness and living out the gospel in power and clarity.





## PRAYER TIMES AT TCC

### Wednesday 21st Jan

6-6.30am online

12-12.30 online

7.30pm in person at TCC building

### Thursday 22nd Jan

6-6.30am online

12-12.30 online

7.30pm in person at TCC building

### Friday 23rd Jan

6-6.30am online

12-12.30 online

7.30pm in person at TCC building

Scan the QR Code to join the early morning and midday prayer sessions via Google Meet Video Link. <https://meet.google.com/jip-hxyg-tyx>



## LEGALISTS & “JUDAIZERS”

- They taught that faith in Christ was not enough for salvation - unless Gentile believers also obeyed the Jewish law, especially circumcision and Mosaic regulations.
- They undermined the gospel, adding human effort to what Christ had already accomplished, confusing believers and threatening their spiritual freedom.
- They were a serious distortion of the gospel, shifting trust away from **CHRIST ALONE** and back onto law-keeping, which could never justify anyone before God.



**Complete this sentence:**

*“I am accepted by God when \_\_\_\_\_.”*



**Read Galatians 1:4 together aloud.**

*“Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live.”*





# Fill in the blanks...

1. Jesus + nothing =.....?

1. Jesus + nothing = **EVERYTHING**

SET FREE: **LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GRACE**



# Fill in the blanks...

2. Grace is a ....., not a .....?

**2. Grace is a GIFT, not a WAGE**

SET FREE: LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GRACE



# Fill in the blanks...

3. Paid in ....., not .... plan available

3. Paid **IN FULL**, not “payment plan available”



# Fill in the blanks...

4. We don't work ... God's approval; we work .... God's approval

4. We don't work **FOR** God's approval; we work **FROM** God's approval.





# **THE GOSPEL IS ROOTED IN GRACE AND FALSE TEACHING IS A SERIOUS THREAT**

**(GALATIANS 1:8–9)**

SET FREE: **LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GRACE**



# Paul seems shocked that the Galatians are turning to a “different gospel.”

- One of the strongest points: curse against anyone who preaches another gospel, even angels.
- Sincerity, supernatural experiences, “anointing” nor popularity do not validate a message— truth does.
- The truth of what God has revealed in scripture.





*“The Bible (Old and New Testaments, excluding the Apocrypha) is the inspired Word of God and that it is the infallible, all-sufficient rule for faith and practice.”*

SET FREE: LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GRACE



# FALSE GOSPELS: (not preach against people)

## 1. The false gospel of “success” & material prosperity

*Paul was one of the most influential Christians ever. His ministry was possibly the most ‘successful’ of all time. However, it did not lead to material prosperity. Quite the opposite!*

**1 Cor 4:10-12**

SET FREE: LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GRACE





# FALSE GOSPELS:

## 2. The false gospel of self-fulfilment

- John Mark Comer Podcast - Series E11
- What does it mean to follow Jesus in a culture obsessed with self fulfilment.
- Good section on the reality of the cross and what it meant socially at the time of Jesus.



**Knights Templar:**  
holding sword out of water  
while being baptised in full armour



SET FREE: LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GRACE



# Self Obsessed Culture what does it look like?

Handout Notes



SET FREE: LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GRACE



# **FALSE GOSPELS:**

- 1. The false gospel of success/material prosperity**
- 2. The false gospel of self-fulfilment**
- 3. The false gospel of sexual freedom**

SET FREE: **LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GRACE**





# **The false gospel of sexual freedom (the cultural message)**

- Our culture preaches that freedom means autonomy — “It’s my body, my choice, my truth.”
- Sexual desire is treated as identity, and self-expression is elevated above self-control.
- Any limit is seen as oppression, and obedience to God is framed as harmful or outdated.
- This echoes the distortion Paul warns against: using freedom as an excuse to indulge the sinful nature (Gal. 5:13).
- Like Romans 6:1, the underlying belief is: If grace forgives, then desire defines —so why resist?

**SET FREE: LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GRACE**



# The gospel of grace and true freedom (the biblical response)

- Scripture reframes the question :“What am I allowed to do?” to “Who do I belong to?”
- “You are not your own; you were bought at a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20) — our bodies are redeemed (not evil).
- Grace does not remove God’s design; it restores us to it (Rom. 6:1–2).
- True freedom is not the right to do whatever we want, but the power to live as we were created to live.
- Sexual holiness is not repression, but worship — honouring God with our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit.

SET FREE: LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GRACE



# CONCLUSION: OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

**1. RECEIVE** (John 1:12)

**2. RESPOND** (Eph 1:5) “adopted into the family”

**Step into Grace** song (Laura Rhineheart)

*“It’s who I am when I stand before you  
That’s all you see  
I belong to you  
I am not a slave  
I am a daughter  
I am a son”*

**3. RENEW** (Phil 3:9) “righteous through faith in Christ”

**COMMUNION – In Christ Alone**



SET FREE: **LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GRACE**



# FINISH STREAM

## THANKS FOR BEING WITH US TODAY

Senior Leader David Dickson  
david.dickson@tcchurch.org.uk  
Tel: 07738 197241

---

Pastor Kerry Murray  
kerry.murray@tcchurch.org.uk  
Tel: 07810 120896

---

[www.transformationcommunity.church](http://www.transformationcommunity.church)

FOLLOW US NOW

   

@TCC\_CRAWLEY





SET FREE: **LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GRACE**

