

FREEDOM IN JESUS MEANS DEATH TO SELF

BIG TRUTH: FREEDOM IN JESUS MEANS DEATH TO SELF

Romans 6:6; 8:13; Colossians 3:5-11; 1 Peter 2:24

BIBLE VERSE: GALATIANS 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

BIG IDEAS

- We have been crucified with Christ.
- Christ lives in us.
- In Christ we live by faith.

BIBLE PASSAGE: GALATIANS 2:15-21

UNITE: LIVING IN FREEDOM

The Unite year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are brought into the family of God- seen throughout the Old Testament as "God's People" and in the New Testament and today as the church (Exodus 6:7; Colossians 1:18). We are set free from our sin to walk in freedom in Christ (Galatians 5:1) and use our influence to call others to do the same.

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know...

- True freedom is only found in being a servant of Jesus
- We are set free not to do whatever we want, but to live for Christ



Every student should feel...

- Grateful for Christ who sets us free
- Convicted of the ways that they are ruled by the desires of their flesh
- Responsible to use their influence to make much of God alone



Every student should strive to...

- Read through the book of Galatians each week
- Memorize the Bible verse each week
- Deny the desires of their flesh to walk in step with the Spirit



Every student should want...

- See the ways that they are tempted to pursue self-salvation, and repent of these
- Live for the approval of God, not others
- Help others move out of slavery to sin toward freedom in Christ

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will consider how to discuss with our son or daughter the truth that freedom is found in dying to ourselves. We will pray for them to grow in their understanding of what it means to live by faith as we lead them to practice dying to themselves.

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Read Galatians 2:15-21 this week and answer the following questions in your journal:

- What is the connection between faith and being justified? What part does Jesus play in the relationship between faith and justification?
- What part does dying to ourselves and our old way of life have in living for Jesus?
- How do believers find more freedom in dying to themselves than in living for their own desires?
- What does Paul mean when he says that he has been crucified with Christ?

Read and meditate on Galatians 2:15-21 this week. Use the following questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder how to discuss with your son or daughter the truth that believers have been crucified with Jesus. How can you help your son or daughter understand this?
- Consider how to discuss with your son or daughter the truth that Jesus lives in us. How can you help the understand what this truth means and how it applies to their lives?
- Ponder the truth that we have greater freedom when we die to ourselves. How can you model this truth for them?



Pray for your son or daughter this week.

- Ask God to help them grow in their desire to die to themselves this week.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask God to help them live by faith this week.



Memorize Galatians 2:20 this week.

- Write the verse on an index card. Review it each day to help your son or daughter learn the verse.
- Discuss with your son or daughter what it means to live by faith. Share with them some examples of ways that you live by faith and how you die to yourself to live more fully for Christ.
- Meet with your student to discuss some of the practical ways that he or she can die to their fleshly desires this week.