



NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER
May 11, 2025

BREAKING FREE
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Galatians 3

1. I live by _____ in Jesus, not by _____ - _____.

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2. The _____ shows me my need for _____.

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3. I have a new _____ in Christ.

- We're _____ in Christ.
- No more _____.
- We are _____ of the promise.

CHALLENGE: Choose 1 this week...

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- Read Scripture Through the Lens of Relationship
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3. I have a new **IDENTITY** in Christ.

- We’re **BAPTIZED** in Christ.
- No more **DIVISIONS**.
- We are **HEIRS** of the promise.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
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CONNECT

Have you ever intervened in a situation thinking you were making it better, only to have made it worse? Discuss what happened?

ENGAGE

What is something that stuck out to you from the weekend's message about going from the grind of obeying the Law, to the generosity of the grace of Jesus?

GROW

1. What does it mean to live by faith rather than by works, and how does that challenge your current view of your relationship with God?
2. Why do you think Paul was so passionate in his rebuke to the Galatians for turning back to the law? How might that apply to believers today?
3. In what ways do people today fall into modern forms of legalism, even without following the Old Testament law?
4. Paul says we are 'clothed with Christ'—what does that mean to you personally, and how does it affect your daily life?
5. How can you practically live out your identity as a child of God this week—in your relationships, work, or personal challenges?
6. Which of the practical next steps—faith over performance, grace over guilt, identity over insecurity—do you most need to focus on right now, and why?

LEAD (YOURSELF)

How do we break free from the bondage of performance... into accepting the grace of Jesus? Here are 4 things you can begin this week:

- **Reflect Daily on His Grace:** Begin each day by reminding yourself that you are made right by faith, not by your performance. It's all about Jesus and what He's already done for you.
- **Stop Striving, Start Trusting:** When you're tempted to earn God's approval through religious duties or guilt-driven behavior, pause and pray: "Lord, I trust in Your finished work, not my own."
- **Read Scripture Through the Lens of Relationship:** Instead of using the Bible as a rulebook, read it to know God's heart. Choose a gospel passage this week and ask, "What does this reveal about Jesus and my identity in Him?"
- **Declare Your Identity:** Each morning this week set a reminder to wake up and say this out loud: "Good morning, Lord. Today, I am a Your child, clothed in your Son, Jesus, and an heir of Your promise."