

## Declaration of True Freedom

An expositional study of GALATIANS – (4) 7/18/10

### *“Character Matters”*

Text: Galatians 1:10-24

*“<sup>10</sup> For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

*<sup>11</sup> For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man’s gospel. <sup>12</sup> For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup> For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. <sup>14</sup> And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup> But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, <sup>16</sup> was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; <sup>17</sup> nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.*

*<sup>18</sup> Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. <sup>19</sup> But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord’s brother. <sup>20</sup> (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) <sup>21</sup> Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. <sup>22</sup> And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. <sup>23</sup> They only were hearing it said, “He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” <sup>24</sup> And they glorified God because of me.”*

Today we sit on a word that isn’t even in our Bibles but is the focus of our text. In fact, it isn’t a word noted or emphasized much in the media. The word – CHARACTER. There will always be those who throw stones looking to undermine a person’s credibility, character and worth. It happens today and it happened in Paul’s day.

Paul says.....

1. LOOK AT MY LIFE – v.10

2. CHECK OUT MY MESSAGE – v.11-12

3. LET’S REVIEW THE FACTS – v.13-24

A. – MY LIFE B \_\_\_\_\_ CHRIST

B. MY LIFE I \_\_\_\_\_ CHRIST

C. MY LIFE F \_\_\_\_\_ CHRIST

