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2 Thessalonians 2 9 The coming of the lawless one will be accompanied by the working of Satan, with every kind of power, sign, and false wonder, 10 and with every wicked deception directed against those who are perishing, because they refused the love of the <u>truth</u> that would have saved them. 11 For this reason, God will send them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie. 12 in order that judgment will come upon all who have disbelieved the truth and delighted in wickedness.

2 Thessalonians 2 13 But we should always thank God for you, brothers who are loved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning to be saved by the sanctification of the Spirit and by faith in the truth. 14 To this He called you through our gospel, so that you may share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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6 I am amazed how quickly you are deserting the One who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—

7 which is not even a gospel.

Evidently some people are troubling you and trying to distort the gospel of Christ.

8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be under a curse!

9 As we have said before, so now I say again:

If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you embraced, let him be under a curse!

1 Fourteen years later I went up again to Jerusalem, accompanied by Barnabas. I took Titus along also. 2 I went in response to a revelation and set before them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. But I spoke privately to those recognized as leaders, for fear that I was running or had already run in vain.

# Galatians 2 3 Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek.

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3. <u>TRUE FREEDOM</u> is the freedom to do what you want to do...

BUT...

Because those who have been freed by Christ love Him

They actually want to do the things He wants them to

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6 But as for the highly esteemed whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not show favoritism -those leaders added nothing to my message.

7 On the contrary, they saw that I had been entrusted to preach the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised.

8 For the One who was at work in Peter's apostleship to the circumcised was also at work in my apostleship to the Gentiles.

9 And recognizing the grace that I had been given, James, Cephas, and Johnthose reputed to be pillars -gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, so that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the Jews.

10 They only asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

# Galatians 2 11 When Cephas came to Antioch, however, I opposed him to his face, because he stood to be condemned.

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But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself, for fear of those in the circumcision group. 13 The other Jews joined in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

## 1 Timothy 4 16 Pay close attention to your life and to your teaching. Persevere in these things, for by so doing you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

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14 When I saw that they were not walking in line with the truth of the gospel,

I said to Cephas in front of them all, "If you, who are a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?

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#### Romans 8

- 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect?
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- 34 Who is there to condemn us?

For Christ Jesus, who died, and more than that was raised to life, is at the right hand of God—and He is interceding for us.

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4 Now the wages of the worker are not credited as a gift, but as an obligation. 5 However, to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

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