



Old Fashioned Easter Egg Hunt --- Join us for an Old Fashioned Egg Hunt! Bring your little ones, from birth to 5 years old for an egg hunt and your 1st - 5th graders for fun-filled relays from days gone by--sack races, balance the egg and more! See the Easter Bunny and hear the Easter message shared through puppets. Fun crafts, snacks and face painting. Saturday, April 15, 10 am-noon at the Frazer Soccer Fields. Invite a friend to visit Frazer!

Egg Hunt Volunteers --- We can't do it without you! Please volunteer to bring the joy of Easter to our children at Frazer Atlanta Hwy., with egg hunts, crafts, games and the Easter story told through puppets. We need help with setup, decorations and throughout the 2-hour event Saturday, April 15, 10am-noon. We also need homemade cupcakes! Please contact Kim at khendrix@frazerumc.org or 495.6397.

Baptism Sunday—April 2 --- Is God leading you to respond to Christ through baptism? Our next celebration of the sacrament of baptism will be Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 12:15 pm. To participate, sign up for baptism orientation with Karen South by emailing ksouth@frazerumc.org.

Frazer Children's Camp --- Send your children on a fun adventure this summer! Children's Camp is June 5-7 for rising 1st-3rd graders (\$175) and June 5-9 for rising 4th-6th graders (\$300). Contact Pam Cofield at pcofield@frazer.church to register.

Gifts of the Heart --- This is a five-week study of spiritual gifts for men, led by Charles Wise. Learn how God made you and how you can better relate to others starting Wednesday, April 26 at 6 pm, Room 7208.

Donate Food & Personal Care Items --- Hygiene Ministries will collect non-perishable food and personal care items in the donation carts April 2 in the Atrium. Items can also be dropped off in the Community Ministries office Monday-Thursday mornings.

Flower Dedications --- If you would like to dedicate Sanctuary flowers in honor or remembrance of a loved one or in celebration of an anniversary, sign up at the board in the library outside of the East Sanctuary.



SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

COUNTERFEIT CHRISTIANITY

FINDING THE REAL TRUTH THAT WILL SET YOU FREE

Counterfeit Christianity
Week 4—Gospel Living
Galatians 5

The Gospel According to Galatians...

- The good news that we are saved by **grace** through **faith** in **Christ**.
- We are now free to live by **faith** and to **love** others through the power of the **Holy Spirit**.

The Difference the Gospel Makes...

- We live by **faith**.
 - We do not work for God's acceptance. We trust in God's grace.
 - We are free from guilt; we are free to glorify God.

“So Christ has really set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law. Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ cannot help you. I'll say it again. If you are trying to find favor with God by being circumcised, you must obey all of the regulations in the whole law of Moses. For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace. But we who live by the Spirit eagerly wait to receive everything promised to us who are right with God through faith. For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, it makes no difference to God whether we are circumcised or not circumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love.”
Galatians 5:1-6

- We serve others in **love**.
 - We love others because God has first loved us.
 - We are free from selfishness; we are free for service.

“For you have been called to live in freedom -- not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ But if instead of showing love among yourselves you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another.”
Galatians 5:13-15

- We are empowered by the **Holy Spirit**.
 - The Holy Spirit enables us to enjoy and obey the commands of Christ.
 - We are not free to sin; we are free from sin.

“So I advise you to live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. The old sinful nature loves to do evil, which is just opposite from what the Holy Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are opposite from what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, and your choices are never free from this conflict. But when you are directed by the Holy Spirit, you are no longer subject to the law. When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, your lives will produce these evil results: sexual immorality, impure thoughts, eagerness for lustful pleasure, idolatry, participation in demonic activities, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, divisions, the feeling that everyone is wrong except those in your own little group, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other kinds of sin. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Here there is no conflict with the law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. If we are living now by the Holy Spirit, let us follow the Holy Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Let us not become conceited, or irritate one another, or be jealous of one another.” Galatians 5:16-26

Go Deeper:

- Reread Galatians 5. What does it mean to be set free by Christ?
- Take some time to think about how the fruit of the spirit appears in your own life. Use a scale of 1 to 4 to rate the presence of the following fruits in your own life.

(1 = absent 2= barely present 3= present 4= very present.)

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| ○ Love___ | ○ Goodness___ |
| ○ Joy___ | ○ Faithfulness___ |
| ○ Peace___ | ○ Gentleness___ |
| ○ Patience___ | ○ Self-Control___ |
| ○ Kindness___ | |

As you look at this list, what fruit do you most wish to see growing more in your life? Stop and pray for the Spirit's work in you to increase this fruit in your life.

- What stood out about today's message? What is one thing you can apply to your life this week?

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