Freedom & Armor of God

Galatians & Ephesians
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. Galatians 1-6
2. Ephesians 1-6

MAIN POINTS

- Paul grounds his gospel in revelation from Jesus Christ, tests conduct against its truth at Antioch, and repeatedly denies that works of the law justify any flesh (Galatians 1:11-12; 2:3-21).

- The promise-law argument preserves the priority of God's promise, assigns the law a later schoolmaster role until Christ, and culminates in unity, sonship, and heirship in Christ (Galatians 3:6-29; 4:1-7).

- Liberty in Galatians is neither circumcision-based justification nor fleshly license; it is faith working by love, service of neighbor, life by the Spirit, restoration, burden bearing, and persevering good (Galatians 5:1-26; 6:1-10).

- Ephesians places salvation by grace through faith before created good works and joins that movement to Christ's reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles in one body and one household (Ephesians 2:1-22; 3:4-6).

- A worthy walk integrates sevenfold unity, diverse gifts, corporate maturity, renewed conduct, edifying speech, forgiveness, love, light, wisdom, Spirit-filled worship, thanksgiving, and submission (Ephesians 4:1-32; 5:1-21).

- The armor passage frames standing as dependence on the Lord's might, truth, righteousness, gospel peace, faith, salvation, the Spirit's word, and persevering prayer for all saints and bold witness (Ephesians 6:10-20).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What makes the truth of the gospel important enough for Paul to warn the Galatians and correct Peter's conduct (Galatians 1:6-12; 2:11-16)?
Galatians 1:6-12

2. How does Galatians 3:15-29 distinguish God's promise, the later law, the coming of faith, and the heirship of those in Christ?
Galatians 3:15-29

3. Paul excludes works as the ground for boasting, then names prepared good works and liberty expressed through loving service. Where might you be trying to earn acceptance, and what faithful action could become a grateful response to grace instead (Ephesians 2:8-10; Galatians 5:5-14)?
Ephesians 2:8-10

MEMORY VERSE / Ephesians 2:8-9

Paul places this statement after describing God's mercy in making people alive with Christ and before describing believers as God's workmanship created in Christ for good works (Ephesians 2:1-10).

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for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, that no one would boast.

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Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

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ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER