

DAY 3

GLORIFY GOD WITH YOUR FREEDOM

Chapters 8-10

Introduction: Galatians, Christian freedom, baptism and being united to Jesus.

Problems with living in a pagan city ... what can I and what can't I do?

Ancient temples social centres: some Christians said that it is fine to go and eat there, others disagreed ... And what about food offered to idols: is it OK to eat it or not? Painful issues.

Chapter 8

Paul

- ☑ We know idols don't exist, and that there is only one God
- ☑ But knowledge puffs up, love builds up
- ☑ Don't destroy your brother/sister by your freedom ... or the unbeliever

Questions: are there modern matters of conscience and/or life-style, where Christians are divided and where offence may be caused and where Paul's message is relevant? Does Paul mean that it is never right to offend others? Do we agree?

Chapter 9

Paul explains his freedom as an apostle, including to be supported financially; but he sacrifices his freedom to make the gospel free of charge.

The model of servanthood, willing to put others first?

Questions: what sacrifices may evangelism in the modern church entail? Are we as committed as Paul to sharing the gospel with others, and not making any barriers?

Chapter 10

Paul

Warnings from the Old Testament about idolatry and immorality. Idol worship is demonic. And I will be careful not to put any barriers in the way of unbelievers.

Questions: what forms of idolatry do we encounter? What should we completely avoid? How could we mislead and hurt non-Christians? What do we learn from these chapters?