

Living Free

Preserving Truth Message 3

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► Outline

Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

Philippians 2:2 (NLT)

A. Introduction

(Galatians 2:1-10; Philippians 2:2)

B. Preserving the truth involves...

1. _____ into conflict.
(Galatians 2:1-2. C/R: Matthew 18:15; Revelation 3:19)

2. _____ the truth.
(Galatians 2:3-5. C/R: Romans 2:24-25; 4:9-16; 14:5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

3. _____ for unity.
(Galatians 2:6-9. C/R: Ephesians 2:19-22; 4:3; Philippians 2:1-2)

4. _____ God's direction.
(Galatians 2:10. C/R: Mark 10:42-44; Romans 12:15; 2 Thessalonians 3:10)

Answers: 1. Stepping 2. Securing 3. Striving 4. Sensing

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, Scripture verses are from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation (NLT). C/R refers to a 'cross reference.' Today's outline and discussion guide are available through the Brookwood Church app.

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to study the Bible and pursue a deeper relationship with God. Check out other Bible study tools at biblegateway.com, biblestudytools.com or blueletterbible.org.

Conversation Starter

What qualities do you look for in a friend?

Opening in Prayer

Spend a few minutes in prayer asking God to guide your time in His Word.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Galatians was written by the apostle Paul to several early Christian communities in the province of Galatia, which is modern-day Turkey (see [Acts 13-14](#)). In this letter, Paul faces head on how these young Christians were being misled and missing out on the true freedom found only in the *Good News* of Jesus Christ.

Read [Galatians 2:1-10](#).

1. Paul went to Jerusalem for at least two reasons. What were they?
2. What are several reasons church unity is so important? What can all members and leaders of a church do to grow in and maintain unity?
3. What was the issue Paul refused to give in about? What truth was Paul trying to preserve?
4. Who were the *Gentiles*, and why would Jews want them to follow the laws of the Old Testament?
5. Do you ever feel guilty or insecure in your relationship with God? What might this be telling you about how you view your acceptance with Him?
6. What distinction can be made between *believing the truth* and *living in the truth*? For further insight, see [James 2:14-19](#) and [2 John 1:1-6](#).

7. Visit brookwoodchurch.org/about, and read through [Our Beliefs](#) and [Who We Are](#). Do you agree with these beliefs and values? If so, what impact have these truths had on your life? What reservations or questions do you have about what Brookwood believes?
8. How would you respond to someone who says, *I'm a Christian. Jesus has forgiven all my sin – past, present and future. That means I can do whatever I want.*
9. How would you explain the *Good News* of Jesus Christ to someone who doesn't believe in Jesus? How about to someone who thinks all religions lead to God and Christians shouldn't be so narrow-minded?
10. What steps could you take to grow in your ability to *preserve the truth*?

Soul Training

Write down one important truth from this week's teaching or discussion and read it each day this week. Make it a point to share what you're learning with a friend or family member.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: [Psalm 26:1-12](#)

Day 4: [Psalm 86:1-13](#)

Day 2: [Romans 2:17-29](#)

Day 5: [Romans 16:17-20](#)

Day 3: [Romans 4:18-25](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

We'll continue our *Living Free* series on **Galatians** with a message titled CONFRONTATION. To prepare read [Galatians 2:11-21](#).



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