

- The Result: This gives us both humility (sinful) and confidence (loved), which frees us from both legalism and license.
- Insight: The gospel creates a third way—not religious performance nor irreligious freedom—but joyful obedience motivated by love not fear or pride (self-righteousness).

Checklist for a Gospel-Centered Balanced Life (1 Corinthians 8)

- ✓ Is your knowledge growing your love . (v1)
- ✓ Are you humble in what you think you know? (v2)
- ✓ Are you grounded in a relationship with God, not just ideas? (v3)
- ✓ Do you understand the difference between non-essential and essential doctrine? (v8)
- ✓ Are you concerned about your influence on weaker believers? (v9)
- ✓ Do you see your actions through the lens of Christ's sacrifice ? (v11)
- ✓ Are you willing to sacrifice your freedoms for the Gospel's sake? (v13)

Growing Notes

When you hear the word “freedom,” what comes to mind? Have you ever experienced a church background that leaned more toward legalism or license? How did it shape your view of God?

What are the lies of legalism and liberalism and how do they rob you of the power of the Gospel? What is Gospel liberty? What is the key to a Gospel-centered balanced life?

Read 1 Corinthians 8. Paul addresses a specific issue—eating food offered to idols—but the principles he teaches create a kind of checklist that keeps us grounded in the gospel. Review the check lists. Which one(s) are strengths and which one(s) are growth areas for you? What are some steps you can take to become more Gospel-centered? What specific truths about the Gospel do you need to preach to yourself this week? Pray.

CHURCH CALENDAR 2025

AUG. 1	Celebrate Recovery – 6pm – Anomaly Room
AUG. 3	DB Starting Point – 9am – Conference Room Prayer Night – 6pm
AUG. 7	Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall
AUG. 8	Celebrate Recovery – 6pm – Anomaly Room Parent's Night Out – 5pm
AUG. 9	Anomaly – Dark Room – 6pm – Anomaly Room
AUG.10	DB Starting Point – 9am – Conference Room DB Leaders Meeting - 9am - Anomaly Room Prayer Night – 6pm
AUG.11	Faith*Family*Freedom – 6pm – Anomaly Room
AUG.14	Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall
AUG.15	Celebrate Recovery – 6pm – Anomaly Room
AUG.16	DB Men's Breakfast – 9am – Community Hall Anomaly – Dark Room – 6pm – Anomaly Room Single Mom's Group – 6pm – Lounge Room**New Group
AUG.17	DB Starting Point – 9am – Conference Room Prayer Night – 6pm
AUG.21	Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall
AUG.22	Celebrate Recovery – 6:00pm – Anomaly Room Love Your Marriage – 6:30pm – Community Hall
AUG.23	Anomaly – Dark Room – 6pm – Anomaly Room
AUG.24	DB Starting Point – 9am – Conference Room Prayer Night – 6pm
AUG.25	Seasons of Care – 6:30pm – Family Room
AUG.28	Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall
AUG.29	Celebrate Recovery – 6:00pm – Anomaly Room
AUG.30	Anomaly – Dark Room – Anomaly Room
AUG.31	DB Starting Point – 9am – Conference Room Prayer Night – 6pm

****Please check out dbcc.com for more information and to register for events.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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|| Coffee Bar is open 45 minutes before services – if you are new with us please enjoy a complimentary beverage with a completed visitor card. ||

|| **Please register for classes that require Childcare** ||

|| Check out our website for upcoming events @ dbcc.com ||

|| On Campus Bible Studies resume in September ||

|| Grief Share Class will resume in September ||

|| Foundations of Evangelism – begins in September (4 weeks) ||

|| DB Life – begins in September (8weeks) ||

|| DB Family Campout – September 19-21 ||

|| WINGS – September 10 – Women’s Worship and Prayer Night ||

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DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

>Elders/Pastors available after every service to pray with you.
>Call the church office to be added to the prayer chain.
>Sunday night prayer meeting 6pm, in the lobby
>Elders meeting 3rd Wed. monthly, Elders available for prayer and anointing.

James 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

Imperfect People – PERFECT GOD - 1st Corinthians

Aug. 9/10	The Cost of the Call	1 Cor. 9
Aug. 16/17	Check Yourself Before You Wreck Yourself	1 Cor. 10

Thank you for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.

Weekly Giving July 26/27
Budget \$28,500 – Actual \$ 20,180
DYTM : \$279

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Imperfect People
PERFECT GOD

Ray Davis

“Two Thieves of True Freedom” (1 Corinthians 8:1-13)

The Gospel is endlessly fascinating, forever captivating, and never boring (1Pet.1:12). Nothing can transform a human heart, heal a wounded soul, and satisfy our deepest longing like the Gospel (Rom.1:16-17). But nothing can keep you from the Liberating power of the Gospel like these two thieves: Legalism and Liberalism. If you’re not progressively (through the years) being transformed, healed, and satisfied by the Gospel then chances are that one of these two thieves are robbing you of the most liberating and satisfying quality of life you could ever live (John 17:3).

Legalism: The Lie That We Earn God’s Approval. (Gal.2:16; Col.2:20-23)

- Definition: Legalism is the belief that we are accepted by God based on our performance, rule-keeping, or religious behavior.
- The Error: It denies the sufficiency of Christ’s work and subtly shifts trust from Christ to self.
- Warning: Legalism produces pride (if we think we’re succeeding) or despair (if we think we’re failing). Either way, it robs the believer of the assurance, joy, and liberty found in Christ.

Liberalism (or License): The Lie That Grace Means Freedom to Sin.

(Rom.6:1-2; Jude 1:4)

- Definition: Liberalism (or antinomianism) is the belief that because we’re saved by grace, how we live doesn’t matter.
- The Error: It denies the transforming power of grace and ignores God’s call to holiness and obedience.
- Warning: This view cheapens grace and undermines the seriousness of sin. It fails to understand that true grace leads to change.

The Gospel (Liberty): True Freedom through Grace. (Gal.5:13; John 1:17; Rom.8:1-4)

- Definition: The gospel says we are more sinful than we ever dared believe, yet more loved than we ever dared to dream.