

Series "No Other Gospel"
"Don't Fall From Grace"
Galatians 5:1-12
Part-11

There are two sides to the gospel: **The believing side** and **the behaving side.**

Galatians 5:1

Outline Of The Book:

1-2 – Gospel of Grace Defended. (Personal)

3-4 – Gospel of Grace Explained. (Doctrinal)

5-6 – Gospel of Grace Applied. (Practical)

Galatians 1-4 – We have spent 4 chapters dealing with "Doctrine" as to who we are in Christ; as to what God has done for us. **Galatians 5-6** – Now the next half is practical on how to live out this new life in Christ.

Paul did not start with "**duty**" but with "**doctrine.**"

The Thought Of The Passage: "When Justification By Grace Through Faith Is Understood, It leads To A Life Of Spiritual Freedom And Love."

1. Verses 1-6 – True And False Believers

2. Verses 7-12 – True And False Teachers

1. Verses 1-6 – True And False Believers:

Galatians 5:1

"It was for freedom that Christ set us free;" – Context: Galatians 4:31 – Paul has just shared that the true children of God are of the promise; it is all of faith, not of the Law!

"It was for freedom that Christ set us free;" – Notice that Paul said "us." He is speaking about himself and the true believers. Galatians 5:2 – "Behold I, Paul, say to you" – reference to the false teachers and their followers.

What freedom does Paul refer to? Freedom from the requirement of the Law. That we don't follow the Law so that we can be accepted by God. For our acceptance comes through faith in Jesus.

The Command: "therefore keep standing firm" – Literally, "Take a stand and keep on standing."

“yoke” – He is referring to a beam that was placed on the neck of the beast of burden that would cause them to work as a team.

(NLT2) Matthew 11:28-30

Verses 2-4 – A Disingenuous Faith: Galatians 5:2 – “Behold” – “Oh look or look here.” “I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision,” – Why would Paul spend so much time dealing with this issue? It is only a minor surgical procedure?

Circumcision Was A Religious Symbol: Acts 15:1.

This was an outward sign that a person was in covenant relationship with God. It started with Abraham after he first believed; it was a sign that he had believed.

“Christ will be of no benefit to you.” – That to place faith in a ritual (Shadow) versus the person, which is the substance, is to miss the whole point.

Why would Jesus Christ be of no benefit to them? The purpose for Jesus coming was because man was incapable of saving himself. Man is saved when he realizes that he can’t save himself and then, in humility, repents and places his faith in Jesus Christ.

Galatians 5:3-4 – “You have been severed from Christ,” – The Greek text literally reads, “You were rendered null and void away from Christ.”

“you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.” – What does it mean to “fall from grace?” It means that the only way to be saved is through grace. It is the prescribed way; it can be no other way! It means “fallen out of the sphere of God’s grace.”

Salvation is by grace through faith apart from works, Ephesians 2:8-9. It is gained and maintained by grace alone, Romans 5:1-2.

Verses 5-6 – A Genuine Relationship: Galatians 5:5.

“For we through the Spirit,” – The difference with Paul was his dependence was not on the flesh but through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit then leads us to place our faith and trust in God.

“by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness.” – This is the completion of our salvation process.

Notice that we don't work but by faith we wait! We are putting our faith in what God has done and we are resting in what He will do in the future when we spend eternity with Him.

Galatians 5:6 – “but faith working through love.” – Faith in God and love for Him and others which is the result of true conversion.

This is not works for salvation but works because of salvation.

2. Verses 7-12 – True And False Teachers:

Galatians 5:7 – “You were running well;” – Paul compares the Christian relationship with a race.

“hindered you” – In the Greek games, it was common for a runner to cut in front of another.

Verse 8 – The Origin Of Deception: Galatians 5:8 – “This persuasion did not come from Him who calls you.” – This sidetracking did not come from God.

“did not come from Him” – It was not God who did it! Galatians 1:6

Verse 9 – The Effect Of Deception: Galatians 5:9.

Verse 7 – “hindered;” Verse 10 – “disturbing;” Verse 12 – “troubling”

1 Corinthians 5:6-7 – Leaven is yeast that causes bread to rise. It is actually a picture of sin and corruption.

The lesson is that corruption spreads.

Galatians 5:10 – “I have confidence in you in the Lord,” – Paul was not going to play the Holy Spirit in these believers’ lives. He was leaving them in the hands of God.

“that you will adopt no other view;” – Paul believed that these Christians are going to hold to the truth of salvation. (Justified By Grace)

What does that mean “shall bear his judgment?” I Think it means 2 things:

1. The false teacher who was teaching this stuff was going to suffer.
2. God was going to judge them for their false doctrine that had affected the church, Acts 5:1-11.

James 3:1

Galatians 5:11 – “But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision,” – Paul used to preach circumcision when he was into Judaism.

“why am I still persecuted?” – There would be no persecution for anyone that would teach that works is the way. That this is the general belief system of the world.

“Then the stumbling block (Scandal) of the cross has been abolished.” – You get rid of the offense of the cross by works.

Galatians 6:12

The preaching of the cross says, “I cannot save myself!”
1 Corinthians 1:18

Galatians 5:12 – “troubling you” – Literally, “unsettle or to drive someone from his house.” The false teachers were driving the Galatians from the house of Grace.

“mutilate themselves.” – Literally, “make eunuchs of themselves”

Application: When it comes to knowing God and receiving salvation, man has but 2 Options:

Option #1 – Through The Law – means works of human achievement; what man can, through his own efforts, achieve God’s righteousness. (Law Bondage)

Option #2 Through Grace – What God has done for us through Christ on the cross. (Grace, Faith, means Freedom)

What the Galatians were attempting to do was create another option:

Option #3 – A mixture of Law And Grace, which is impossible.