

# Galatians Ch. 5

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## Galatians 5:1-6

- As adopted children of the free woman (Sarah), Christ sets us free from the yoke of the Law. *Un-yoked*.
- Insisting in legalism/circumcision makes Christ null.
- Turning to the Law; you have to keep the whole Law.
- Salvation is not lost; choosing to operate under law & not the free grace of Christ. Self-help =slavery to Law.
- Christian looks to future, Legalist looks to the now.
- Circumcision = nothing. Faith in Christ = everything.

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## Galatians 5:7-11

- The Galatians started well, then listened to untruth. Paul wants them to explain who spoke this untruth.
- This message was not from God who is Truth. If not truth, it is untruth and is lie. (John 8:40-44).
- A small amount of untruth corrupts everything.
- Legalism brings judgment. Teachers of legalism bear judgment because their message is of the Enemy.
- Paul still under persecution. Legalism  $\neq$  cross.

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Galatians 5: 12-15

- Those that were imposing circumcision for legalistic reasons should be willing to take it to the next step.
  - Also, cut themselves off (separate) from the Galatians.
- Freedom encourages love; Law is fear of punishment.
- Paul is showing that what the law demanded but could not produce is the very thing that results from the exercise of Christian liberty.
- Legalism leads to quarreling. We're Supposed to love!

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Galatians 5: 16-18

- The believer should walk in the Spirit, not in the flesh.
- To walk in the Spirit is to allow Him to have His way.
  - Maturity-we begin to do what we want = what He wants.
- The flesh is against the Spirit which is against the unbridled flesh. The two are against each other.
- Flesh=individual wants; bad; & also working for grace.
- To be led by the Spirit is to be adopted. Adopted children are not under Law; righteousness is imputed.

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Galatians 5:19-25

- Human flesh, unrestrained desires:
  - Rampant & unrestrained immorality.
  - Desire for false gods leading to emotional upheaval.
  - Stirring up trouble.
- The flesh under the control of the Spirit desires:
  - Love and all that goes with that as modeled by Christ.
  - You model the *character* of the Law which Christ fulfilled.
- Those adopted by Christ – flesh is crucified, live by the Spirit, honest assessment of self in social harmony.

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