

Friday, March 31st

Galatians 5:2-6

•Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ will be of no benefit to you. 3 I'll say it again. If you are trying to find favor with God by being circumcised, you must obey every regulation in the whole law of Moses. 4 For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace. 5 But we who live by the Spirit eagerly wait to receive by faith the righteousness God has promised to us. 6 For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love.



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Key verse: Galatians 5:6 “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love”.

Paul’s words to the Galatian believers were strong, but in love, as a parent would admonish a child about right and wrong. There was still false teaching among the churches that based justification on the law (circumcision) rather than the all-sufficient grace through Christ Jesus.

Paul pointed out that reliance on the law diminished the benefits of trusting in God’s grace. As we reflect upon the price that Jesus paid for this grace, may we express our faith through ever increasing love for God and for others.

