

Grace to You!



*Yoke
of
Slavery*



*What's the
soundtrack in
your head?*





For *freedom* Christ has set us free; *stand firm* therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of *no advantage* to you.



Galatians 5:1-2



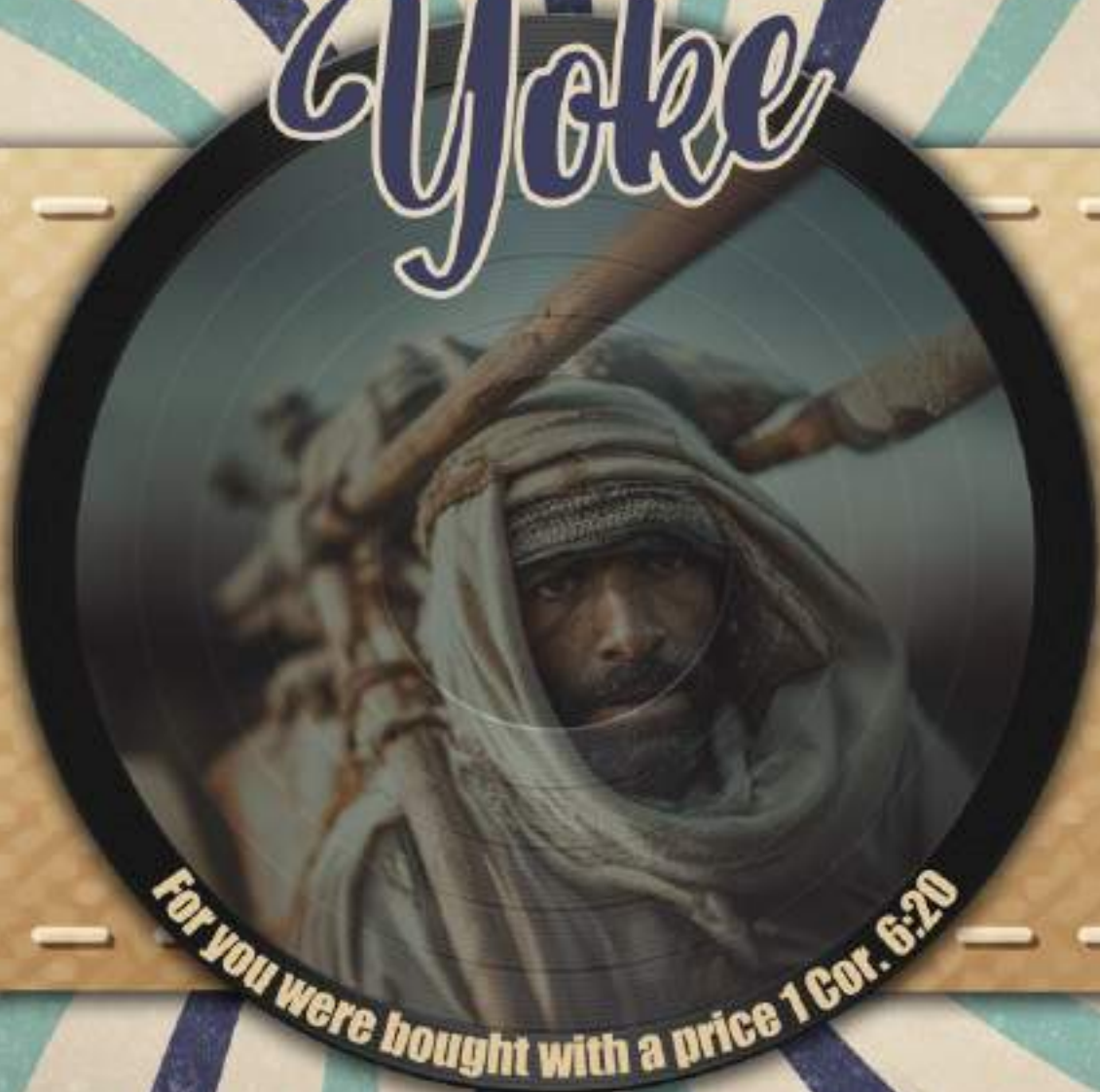
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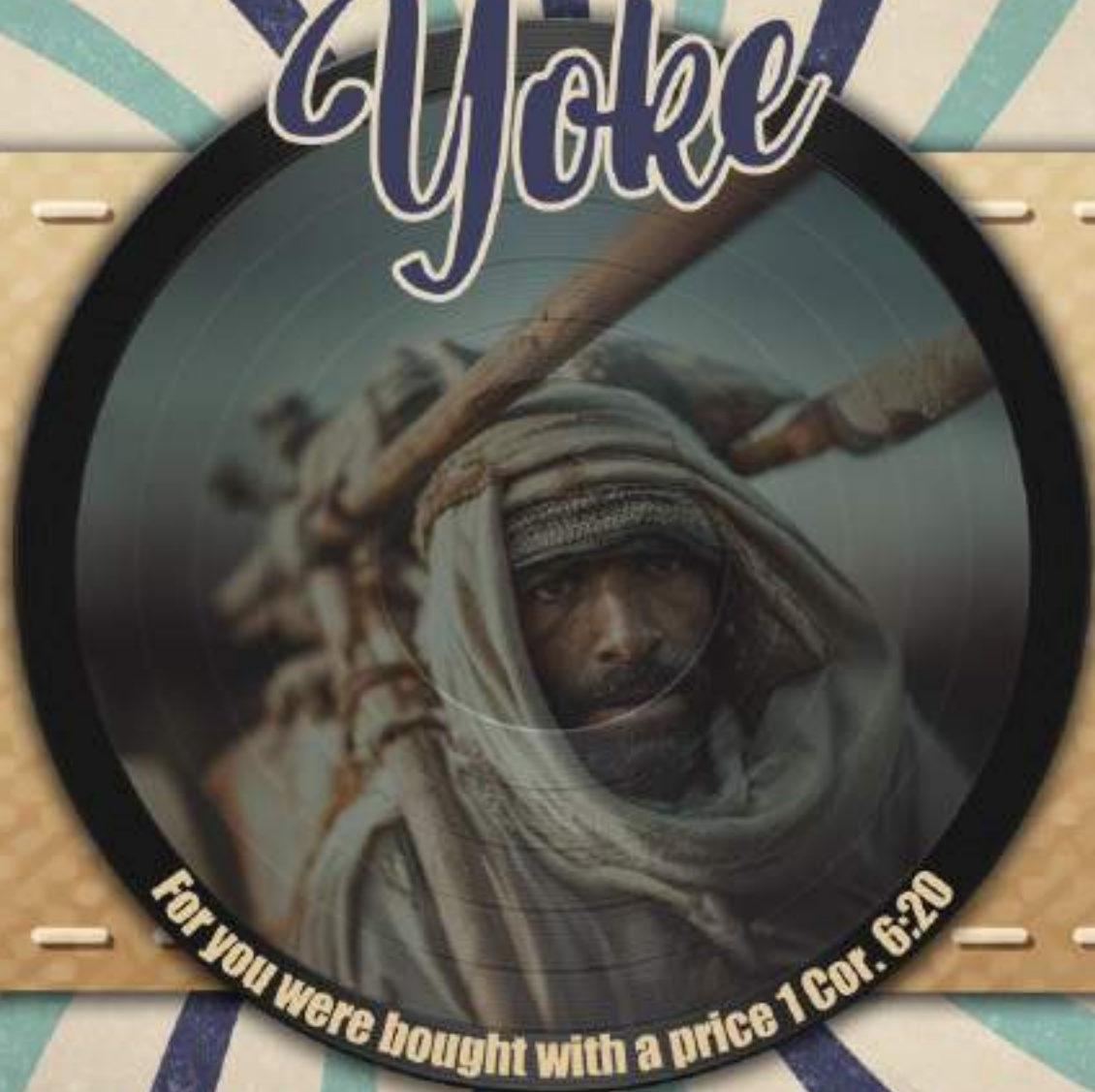
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**What is
the**

Warning?



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I testify again to every man
who accepts circumcision
that he is *obligated* to keep
the whole law.

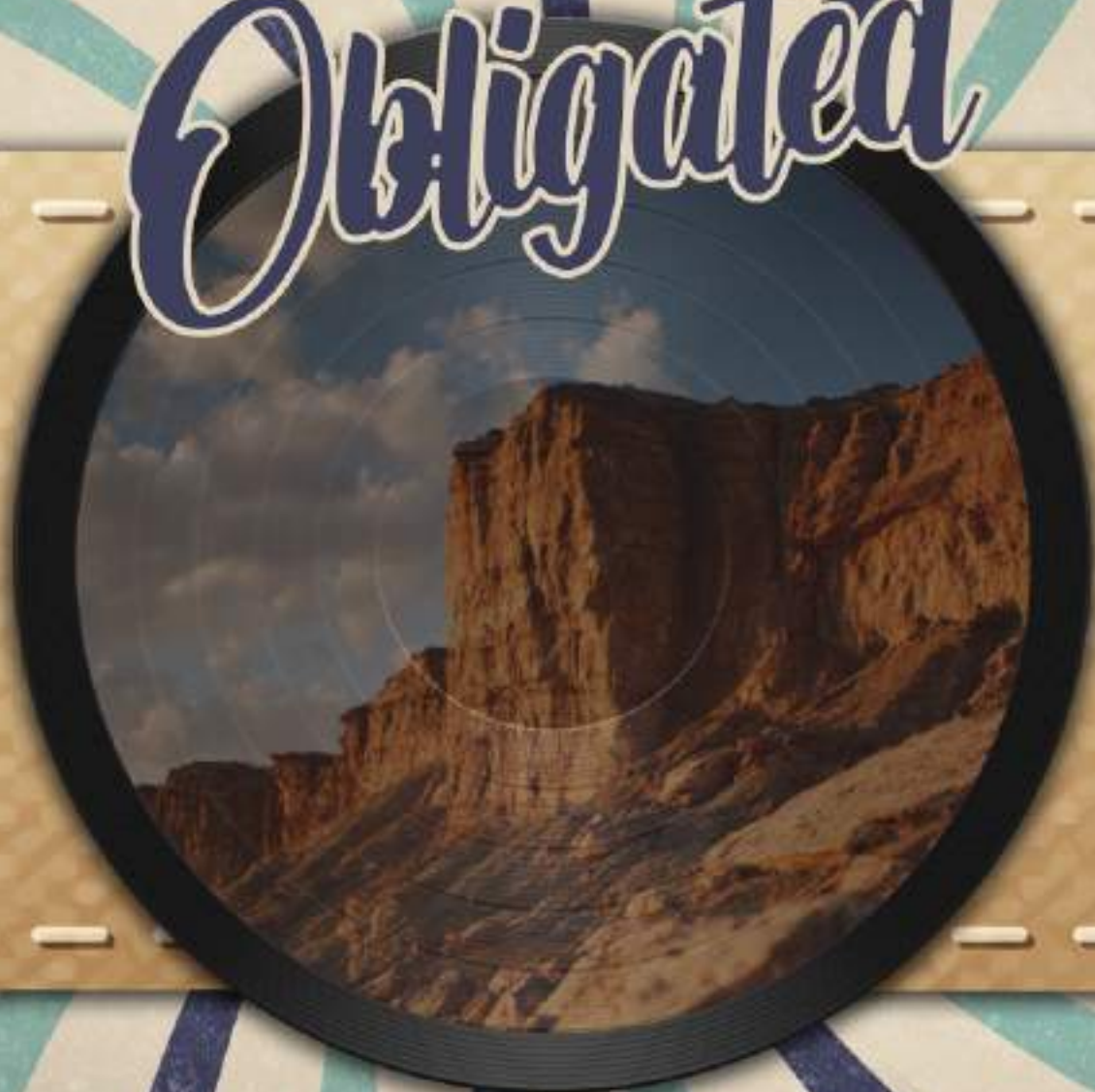
You are *severed* from Christ,
you who would be justified
by the law; you have *fallen*
away from grace.



Galatians 5:3-4

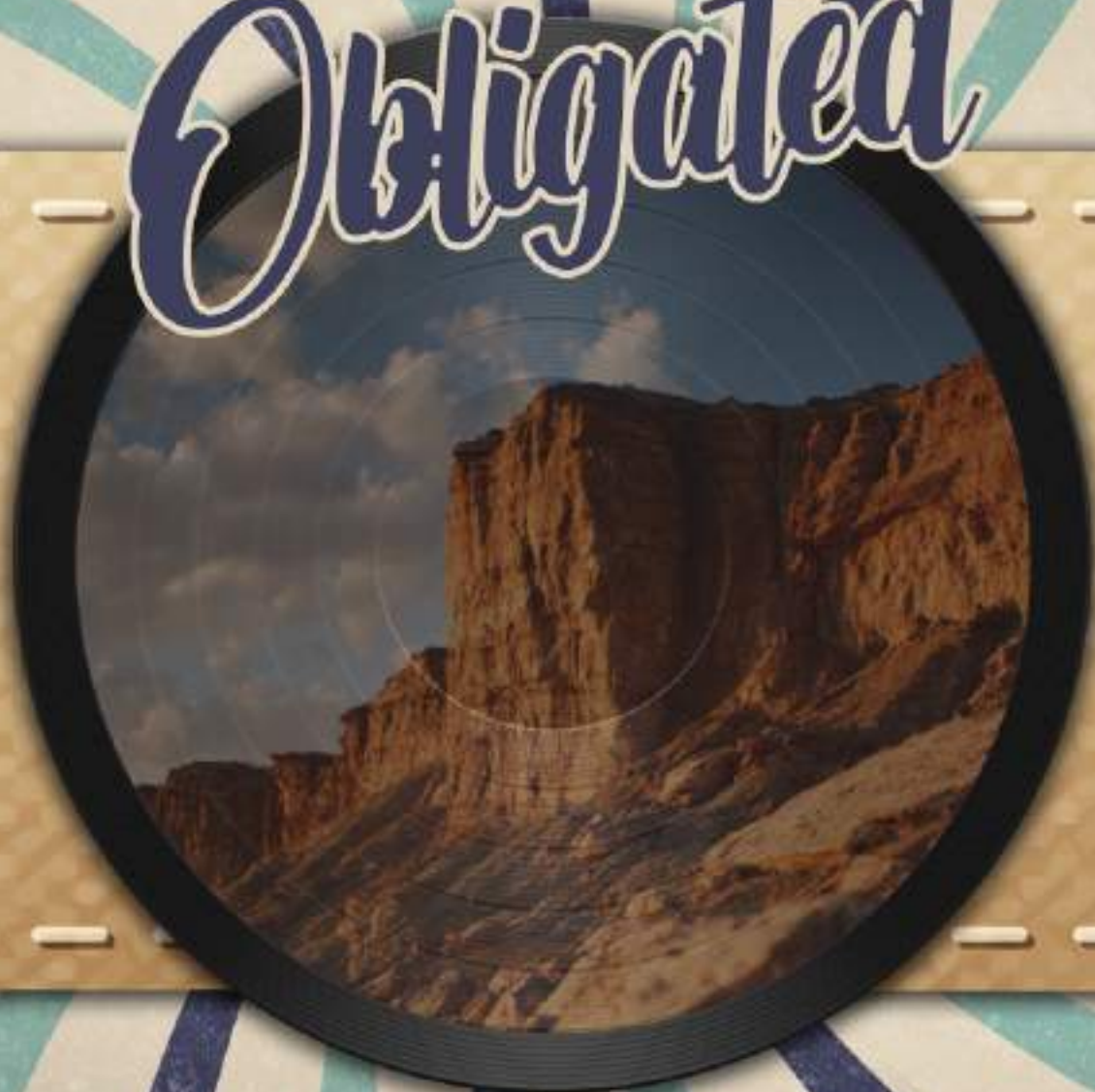


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What
Legalism
does to us.



by works..no human being will be justified Rom. 3:20

For through the Spirit, *by faith*, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but *only faith* working through love.



Galatians 5:5-6



Hope

We have been justified by faith Rom. 5:1

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Faith that
Loves.

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You were running well.
Who hindered you from
obeying the truth?

This persuasion is not from
him who calls you.

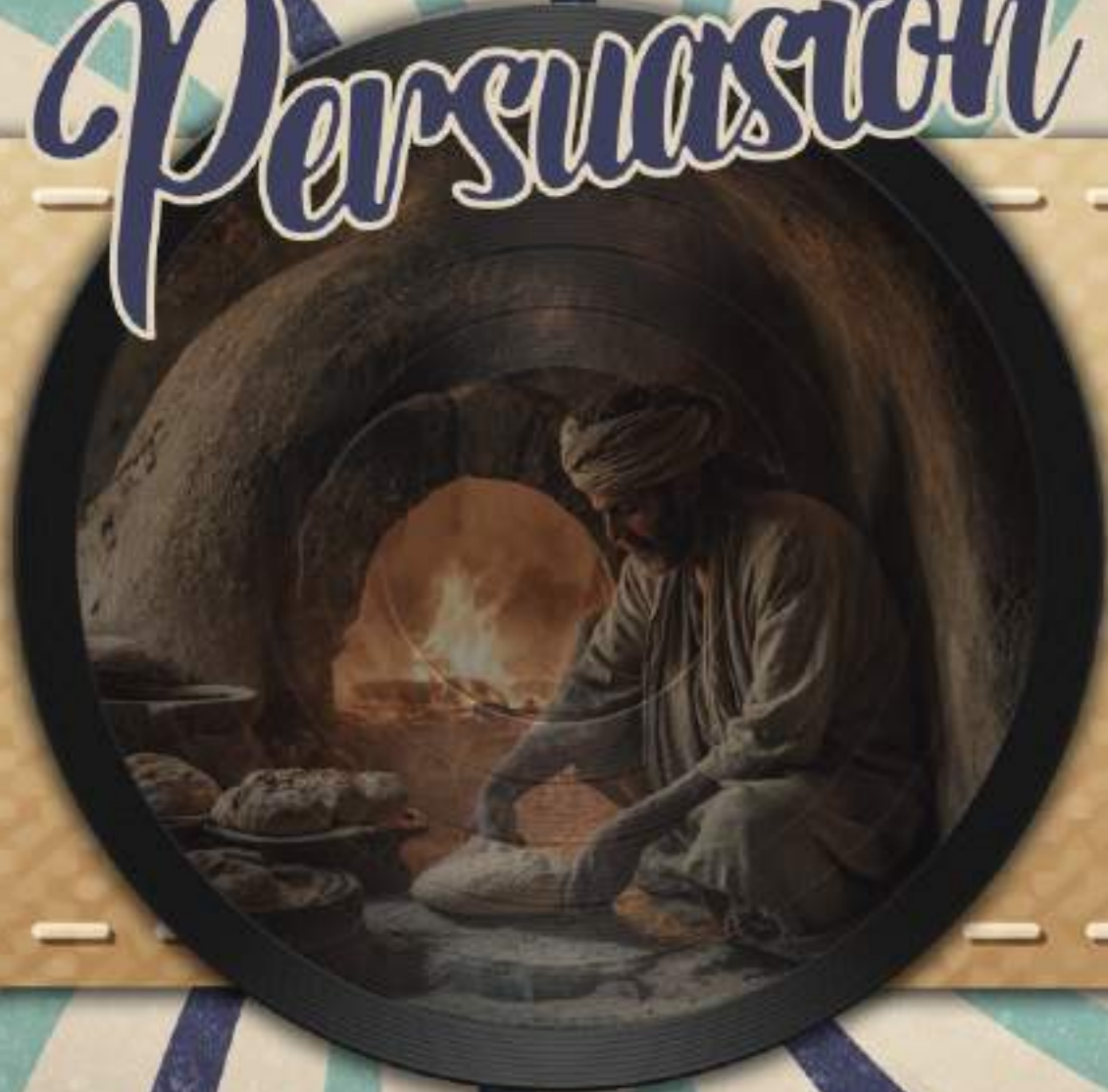
A little leaven leavens the
whole lump.



Galatians 5:7-9

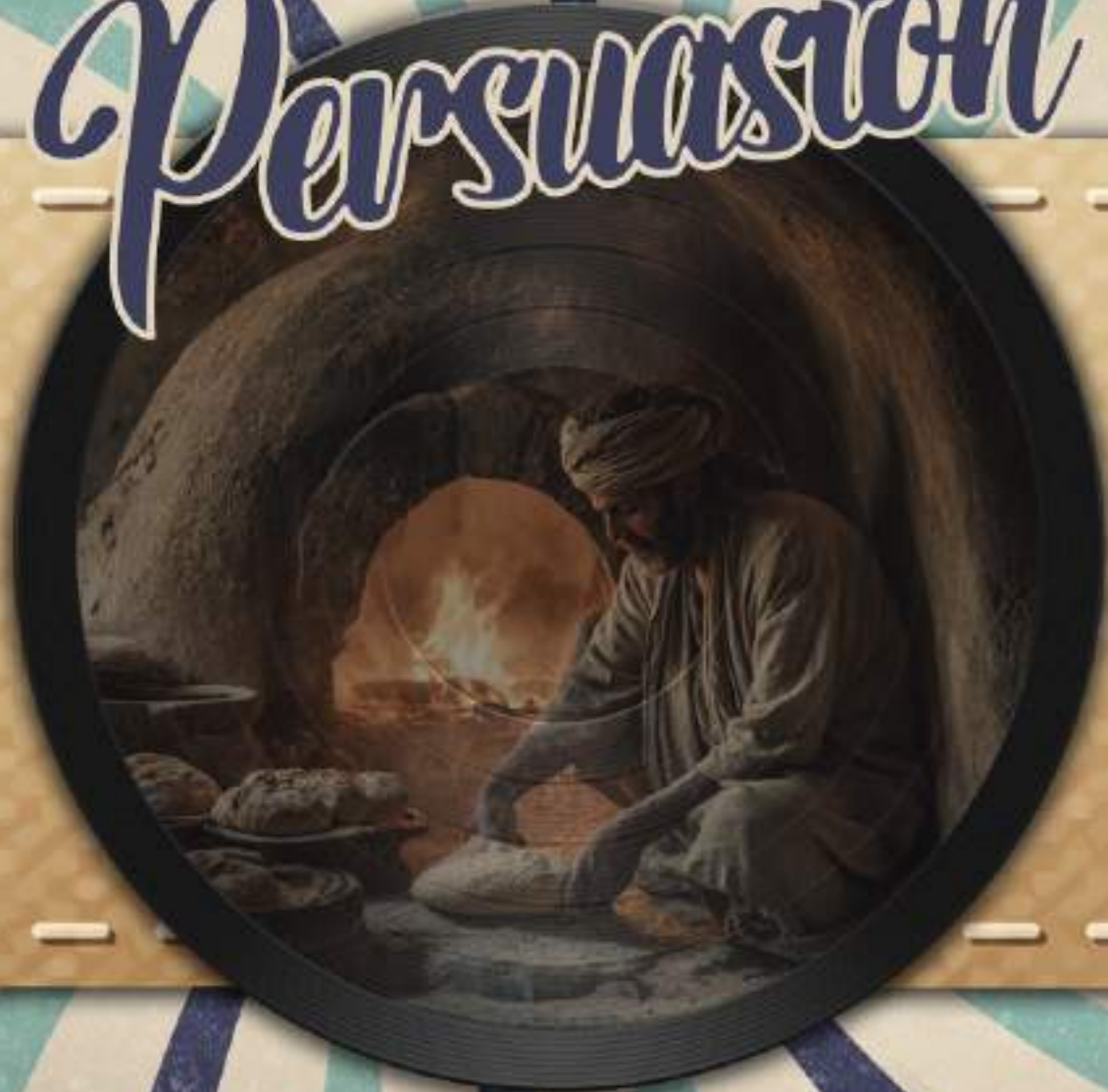


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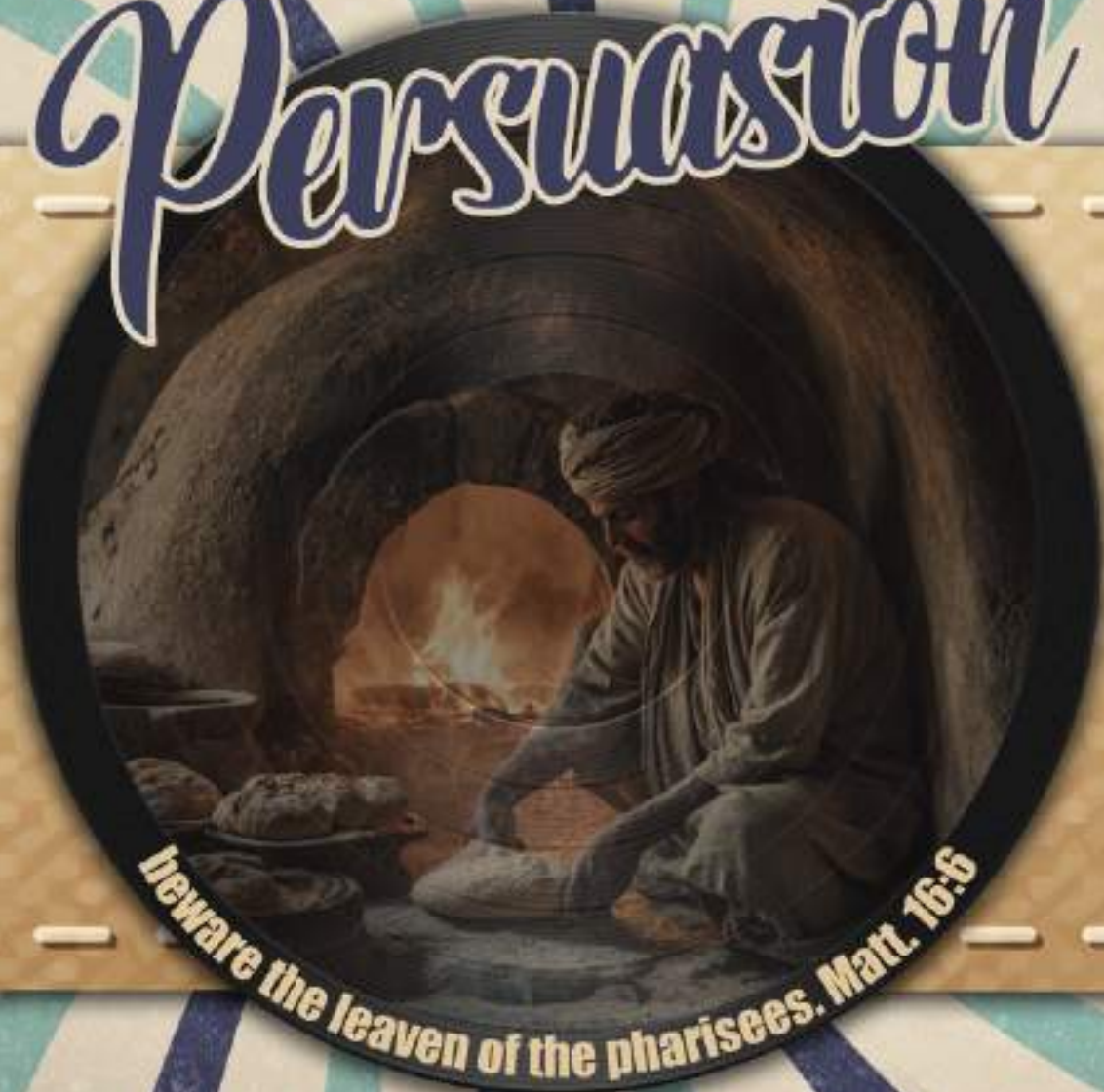
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Persuasion

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The power of
influences.



I have *confidence in the Lord*
that you will take no other
view, and the one who is
troubling you will bear the
penalty, whoever he is.



Galatians 5:10



Confidence



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**Finishes what
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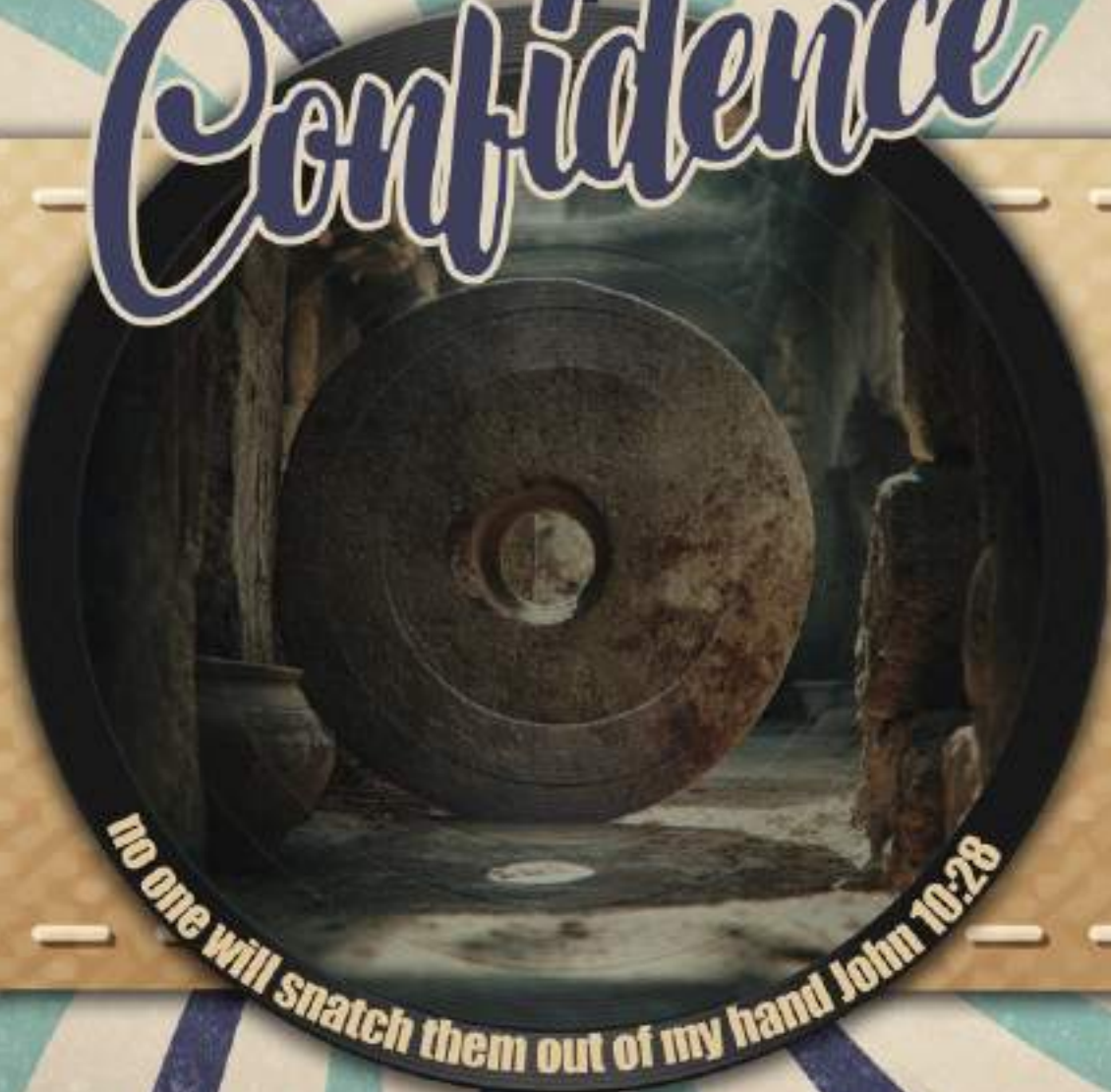
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But if I, brothers, still
preach circumcision, why
am I still being persecuted?
In that case the *offense of the*
cross has been removed.

I wish those who unsettle
you would *emasculate*
themselves!



Galatians 5:11-12



The cross

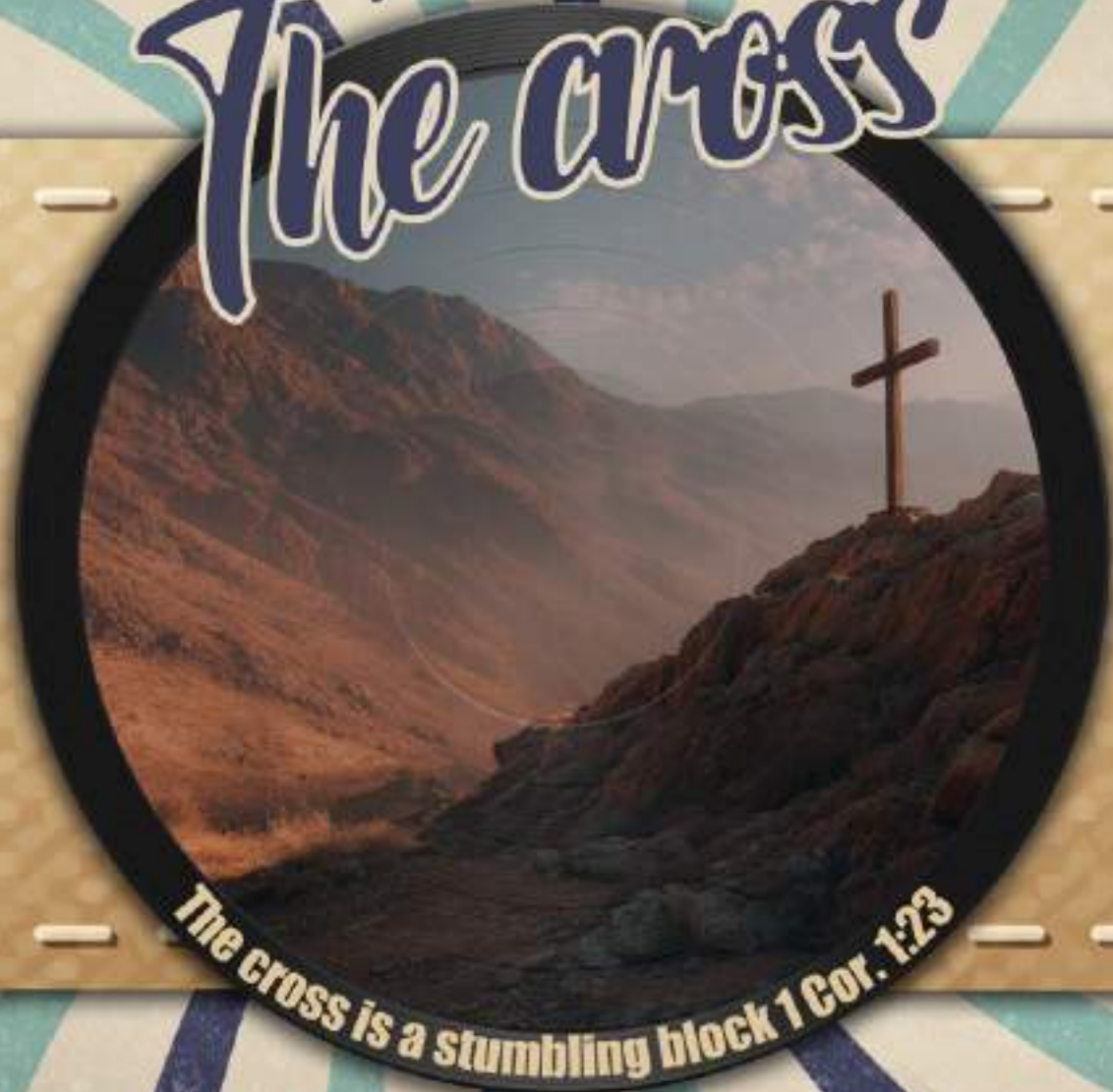


The cross is a stumbling block 1 Cor. 1:23

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Holy Spirit

**inspired righteous
Indignation.**

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For you were *called to freedom*, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.



Galatians 5:13



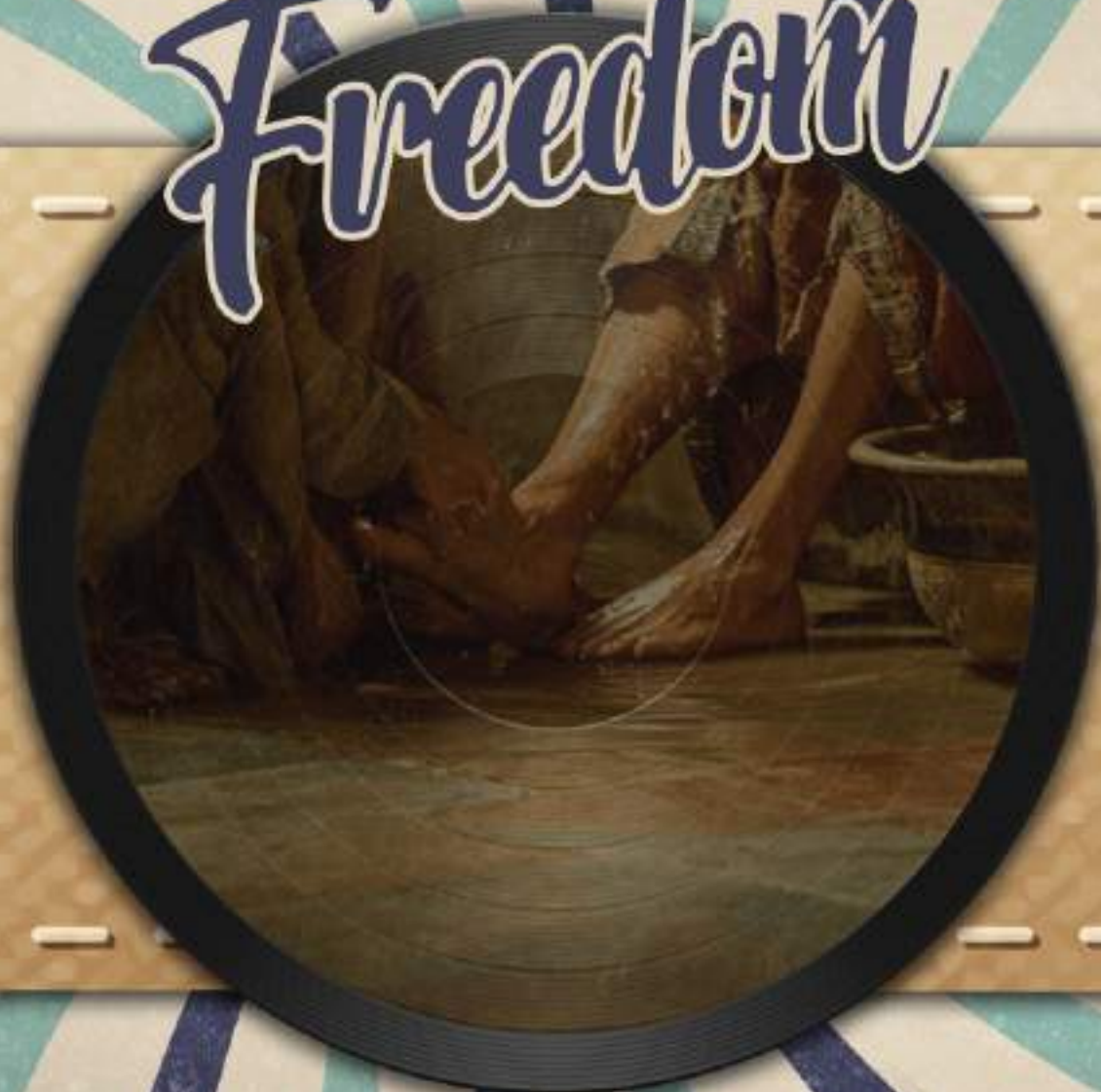
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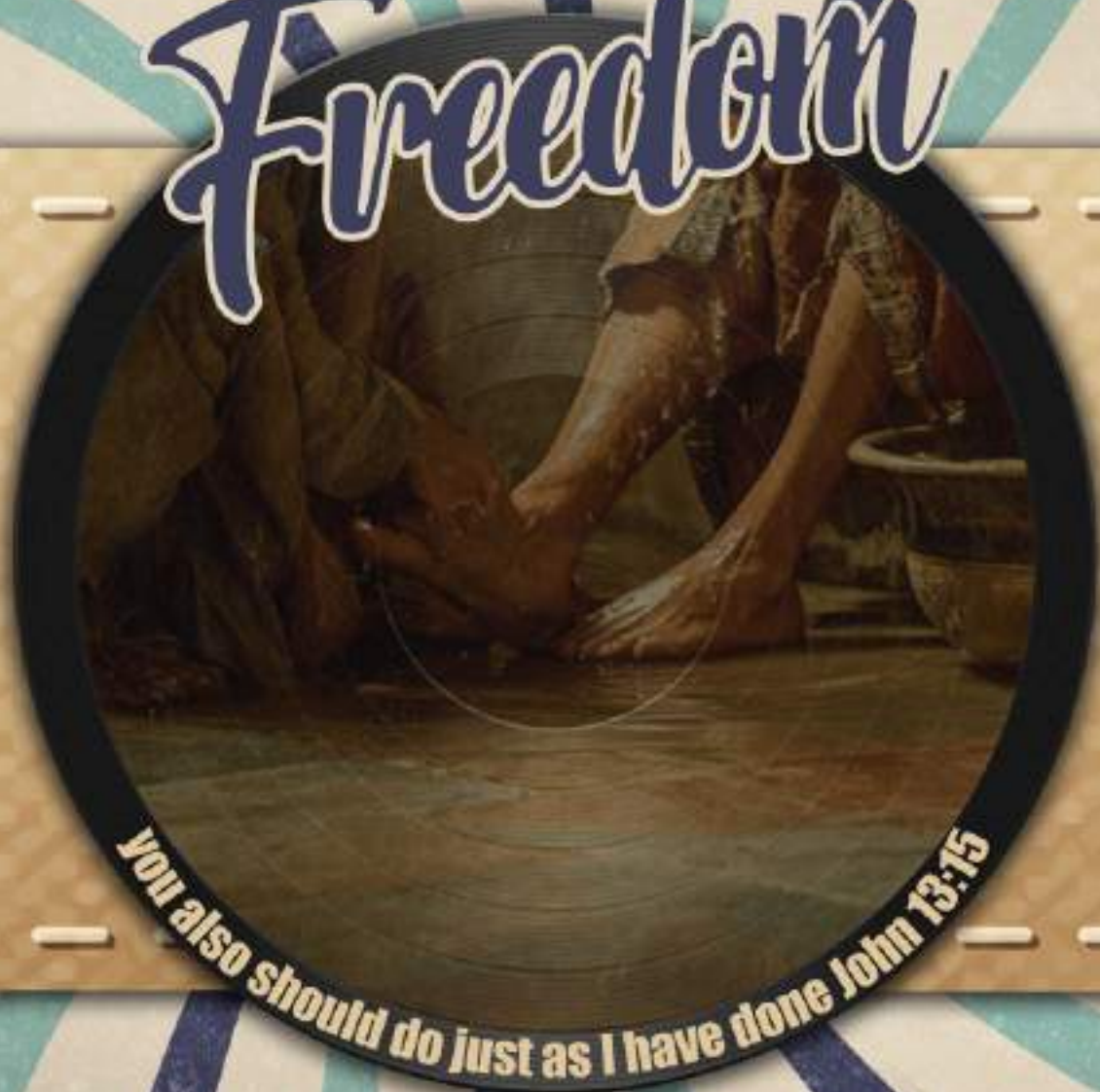
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**What are we
to do with our**

Freedom?

You also should do just as I have done John 13:15

For the *whole law is fulfilled*
in one word: "You shall
love your neighbor as
yourself."

But if you bite and devour
one another, *watch out* that
you are not consumed by
one another.



Galatians 5:14-15



Love



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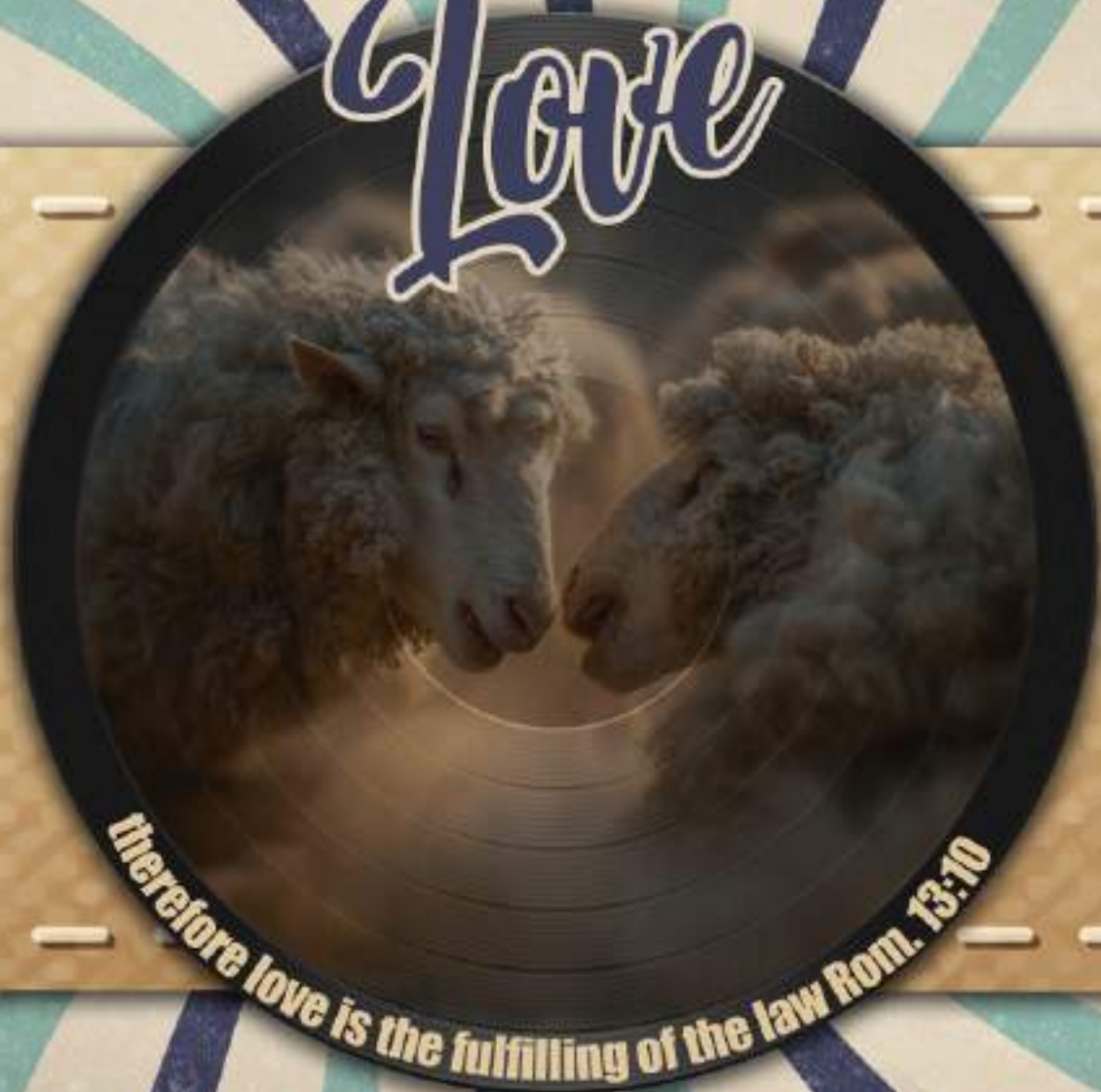
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**Don't be
spiritual**

cannibals.

therefore love is the fulfilling of the law Rom. 13:10

Legalism



Grace



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Driven by fear and pride

Focuses on external behavior

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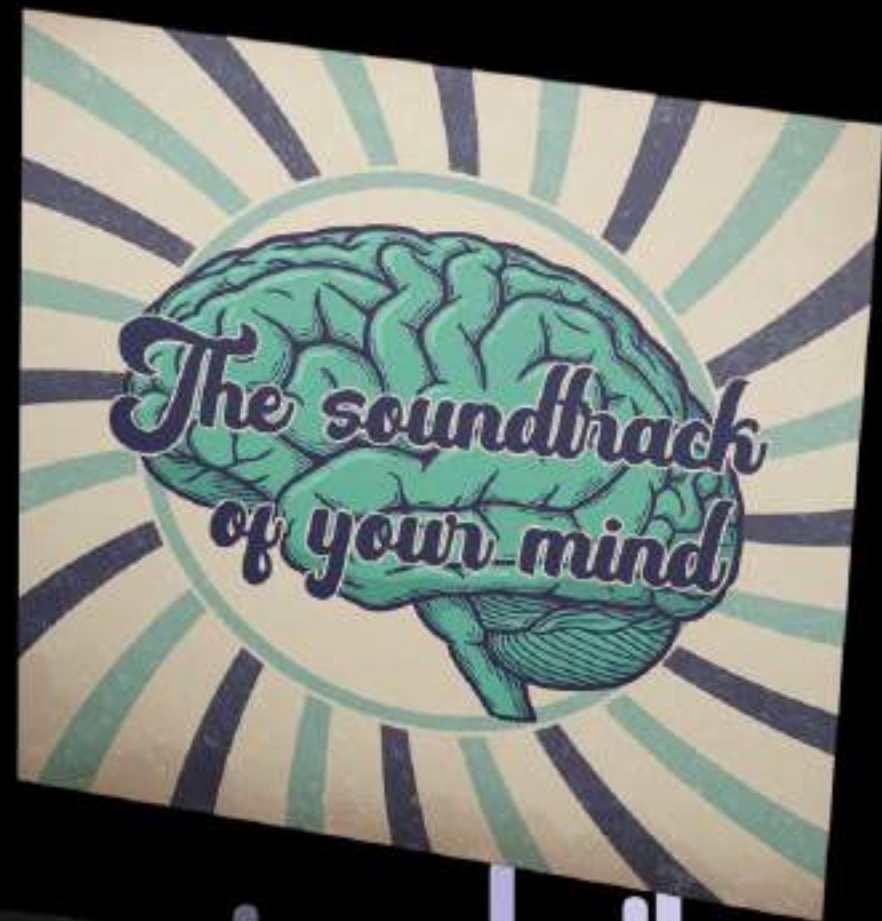


Matthew 23:1-4

*For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light.*



Matthew 11:28-30



*what comes out of the mouth
proceeds from the heart*



Matthew 15:10-11,17-20



**Gracious words are like a
honeycomb, sweetness to
the soul and health to the
body.**

Proverbs 16:24



Threats to Good Honey



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- Performance pressure
- Cultural voices
- Worldly compromise

Legalism

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:20



Shame



**For the Scripture says,
"Everyone who believes in
him will not be put to
shame."**

Romans 10:11

Religious striving

But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

Romans 11:6



Performance pressure

**For the law of the Spirit of
life has set you free in
Christ Jesus from the law of
sin and death.**

Romans 8:2



Cultural voices

**Do not be conformed to
this world, but be
transformed by the renewal
of your mind, that by
testing you may discern
what is the will of God,
what is good and
acceptable and perfect.**

Romans 12:2



~~Worldly compromise~~

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13:14



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In Christ



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The Legalism Playlist



"SHAMED"
"TRAPPED"
"STRIVING"


The Grace Playlist



"REDEEMED"
"LOVED"
"SECURE"



*grace
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Test the Tone

Change the Record

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Hebrews 4:12-16