

# Remaining Faithful: Set Free



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# How Paul Protected the Purity of the Gospel

CURSE



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APOSTLESHIP



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VALIDATION



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REBUKE



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POWER



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COVENANT



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SONSHIP



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FORESHADOW



## Galatians 5:1-15

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>2</sup> Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. <sup>3</sup> I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. <sup>4</sup> You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.



## Galatians 5:1-15

<sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

<sup>7</sup> You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? <sup>8</sup> This persuasion is not from him who calls you. <sup>9</sup> A little leaven leavens the whole lump.



## Galatians 5:1-15

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. <sup>12</sup> I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.



## The dangerous road of legalism

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# The dangerous road for legalistic teachers

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# Love NOT Legalism

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# Characteristics of a person operating with a religious spirit

They have a focus on external behavior  
rather than inward transformation.



# Characteristics of a person operating with a religious spirit

Their sense of self-worth is based on their performance, not on their standing with God as His son or daughter.



# Characteristics of a person operating with a religious spirit

Instead of enjoying their relationship with God, hungering and thirsting after Him, their relationship is marked by duty and obligation.



# Characteristics of a person operating with a religious spirit

They compare themselves to others and vacillate between pride and self-condemnation.



# Characteristics of a person operating with a religious spirit

There is an underlying drive for recognition, position, and appreciation, rather than simply wanting God to be glorified.



# Characteristics of a person operating with a religious spirit

They are often disappointed in others  
because others don't measure up to their  
standards.



## Galatians 5:15

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# Application

1. Reflect on the way you see yourself and your relationships and ask God if you've been operating with a religious spirit. If so, repent and receive God's grace.



# Application

2. Spend time this week praying through Galatians 2:20 with the goal of living daily in the realization of God's grace in your life.

## **Galatians 2:20**

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

