

*TWISTED SCRIPTURE*

# GALATIANS

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Galatians 5:2-15

**1. When we believed in Jesus the Holy Spirit birthed us: Made us a part of the family of God.**

**2. When we believed in Jesus the Holy Spirit regenerated us: Gave us new spiritual life.**

**3. When we believed in Jesus the Holy Spirit baptized us: Put us in Christ.**

**4. When we believed in Jesus the Holy Spirit began to indwell us: Put Christ in us.**

**5. When we believed in Jesus the Holy Spirit sealed us: Eternally Secured us in Christ.**

**6. When we believed in Jesus the Holy Spirit sanctified us: Made us acceptable to serve God.**

***5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit,***

***5:17 the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh***

***5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.***

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***5:22 the fruit of the Spirit***

***5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit***

***4:31 So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman. 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.***

***Acts 15:1 But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” 2 And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question.***

***Acts 15:7 And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, 9 and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. 10 Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? 11 But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."***

**At first he said in verse 8:**

***“...giving them (the Gentiles) the Holy Spirit just as he did to us (the Jews)...”***

**Then, as he wound down his**

**proclamation, shockingly declared:**

***“...we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”***

Galatians 5:2 Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. 3 I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. 4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. 5 For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.



# I. How the Scriptures were being twisted.

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*“if you accept circumcision” = seek to be justified by that rite, or if you depend on any part of the ceremonial law, as your righteousness, and necessary to salvation;*

*“Christ will be of no advantage to you” = you disclaim Christ, and all the blessings which are received by faith in him.*

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*“You are severed from Christ” = Not coming in to the full blessing of belief.*

*“you have fallen away from grace.” = You’ve come short of the very basis of salvation with is fully, only, & completely fulfilled in Christ alone.*

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***“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything” = There’s room at the cross for you because the ground is level there.***

***“but only faith working through love.” = Inward power + Outward practice***

Galatians 5:7 You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10 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. 11 But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. 12 I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

II. Those who were twisting the Scriptures.

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***“You were running well.” = You were on a smooth track but they put stumbling blocks in your way.***

***“Obeying the truth” = The Command of the Gospel which is REPENT AND BELIEVE***

## II. Those who were twisting the Scriptures.

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***\*God did not send these false teachers nor does He endorse them.***

***\*\*Matthew 16:6 Jesus said, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” Their teaching was and is of evil influence.***

***\*\*\*Paul having Timothy circumcised for synagogue entrance. Paul continued to be persecuted because he did not buckle under the pressure to mix grace with the works of the Mosaic Law.***

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***“I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!” = Since they are severing their followers from Christ, they should also be severely severed.***

*Galatians 5:13 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.*

PLEASE...Do not abuse the freedom of grace by claiming you have a license to commit sin.



*Galatians 5:14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

PLEASE...Know that you keep the law by loving your neighbor.

*Galatians 5:15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.*

PLEASE...Protect the unity and bond of peace at Fellowship.