

Galatians 5

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5 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. **John-8:32** (The truth makes us free) (Jesus made us free. Don't let doctrines of men enslave you)

² Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. (If you go by the law alone and not by Christ's grace, you won't make it. We are all sinners and would fail, without the salvation that Jesus gave us)

³ For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. (No more blood ordinances and sacrifices after the crucifixion of Jesus) (Circumcision was a part of the blood ordinances that Christ fulfilled for all time)

⁴ Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. (If you still sacrifice animals, and do not accept Christ, you won't make it) (The law that Paul is referring to are the blood ordinances, not the 10 commandments) (Sacrificing a sheep or a goat will not get you salvation from your sins)

⁵ For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

⁶ For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. (Faith in the Savior – Jesus Christ is our salvation)

⁷ Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? (Who steered them off of the tract of Jesus, salvation, back into the old blood ordinances? - since Paul left them)

⁸ This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you. (It was not from God)

⁹ A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. (A little false doctrine brought into a church will pollute the entire group. The leaven here is false teachings and false doctrines)

(Look at all the sin and perversion that comes into our homes today via the television and the internet)

¹⁰ I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be. (He who is teaching you false doctrine will pay for what he is doing. He will be held accountable for all the souls that he misled)

(If you set yourself up as a teacher or a preacher, you had better know what you're teaching, and teach the true Word of God)

¹¹ And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased. (If I preached the blood ordinances, I would not believe that Jesus fulfilled salvation on the cross, for all the people who will believe in Him)

¹² I would they were even cut off which trouble you. (Rather than circumcision, cut the whole thing off – this was actually a religious practice in those days. Paul was showing his frustration with their gullibility in following these fake preachers)

¹³ For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. (Jesus freed us with His covenant – use that freedom to help others)

¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Leviticus-19:18 (A brother is one born into the 12 tribes; a neighbor is an adopted Christian; one who converts to Christianity)

¹⁵ But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. (This is a part of the ways of the world. It has no place in Christianity)

¹⁶ This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. (God's Word will keep you on the straight path)

¹⁷ For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. (The lusts of this world are driven by Satan and his ilk)

¹⁸ But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. (This is Paul's opinion. It is taken out of context by preachers to say that the law is obsolete. What is obsolete is the method of repentance through blood

sacrifices. The law <10 commandments> is in full effect and will remain that way)

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, (These are against the 10 commandments)

²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, (These are against the 10 commandments)

²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. (These are against the 10 commandments. There is no change nor an end to the law)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. (The law is in full agreement with Christian behavior)

²⁴ And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. (Spiritually speaking, Christians have nailed the lusts of the world to the cross)

²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. (Don't just learn the Word of God; live it in your daily life)

²⁶ Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. (Do not seek the glories of this world – fame, wealth, adoration)