

Galatians 5:1-12

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

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.

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 than mine, 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!

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'Free in Christ' 2. A New Freedom Galatians 5:1-12

Introduction

- freedom is in peril!

WATCH OUT for legalism (v2-6)

- what legalism is
- why legalism is so serious
- the antidote to legalism

STAND FIRM against legalism (v7-12)

- legalism spreads
- legalism wreaks havoc
- legalism requires radical surgery

Conclusion

Next week

Free in Christ: A new struggle
Galatians 5:16-18
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Bible references: Galatians 3:13, Romans 3:20