

## Galatians 5:1-12

<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. <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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <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!

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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

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#### Next week

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