

Living in your Freedom
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Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. (Galatians 5:1 NKJV)

IN [this] freedom Christ has made us free [and completely liberated us]; stand fast then, and do not be hampered and held ensnared and submit again to a yoke of slavery [which you have once put off]. (Galatians 5:1 AMP)

The Law was never given to the Gentiles.

Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, (Galatians 4:1 NKJV)

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. (Galatians 4:4-7 NKJV)

Notice, it is I, Paul, who tells you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no profit (advantage, avail) to you [for if you distrust Him, you can gain nothing from Him]. (Galatians 5:2 AMP)

You are not going to benefit from Christ, trying to keep the Law. This is a issue of distrust.

And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. (Galatians 5:3 NKJV)

We are no longer led by the Law, we are led by the Holy Spirit.

For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. (Romans 2:25 NKJV)

For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. (James 2:10 NKJV)

You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. (Galatians 5:4 NKJV)

For we, [not relying on the Law but] through the [Holy] Spirit's [help], by faith anticipate and wait for the blessing and good for which our righteousness and right standing with God [our conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action, causes us] to hope. (Galatians 5:5 AMP)

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6 NKJV)

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (I John 4:10 NKJV)

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. (Galatians 6:15 NKJV)

I am not saying you shouldn't act right. I am saying you should be led by the Spirit.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. (John 13:34 NKJV)

Thus says the Lord : “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the Lord. (Jeremiah 9:23, 24 NKJV)

that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.” (I Corinthians 1:31 NKJV)

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (Romans 5:5 NKJV)

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life. (Proverbs 13:12 NKJV)

When we look to God for something, we look at our past to see if we are qualified.

giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. (Colossians 1:12 NKJV)

You were running the race nobly. Who has interfered in (hindered and stopped you from) your heeding and following the Truth? (Galatians 5:7 AMP)

This [evil] persuasion is not from Him Who called you [Who invited you to freedom in Christ]. (Galatians 5:8 AMP)

A little leaven (a slight inclination to error, or a few false teachers) leavens the whole lump [it perverts the whole conception of faith or misleads the whole church]. (Galatians 5:9 AMP)

Christ plus nothing. Flesh is your works or performance.

[For my part] I have confidence [toward you] in the Lord that you will take no contrary view of the matter but will come to think with me. But he who is unsettling you, whoever he is, will have to bear the penalty. (Galatians 5:10 AMP)

But, brethren, if I still preach circumcision [as some accuse me of doing, as necessary to salvation], why am I still suffering persecution? In that case the cross has ceased to be a stumbling block and is made meaningless (done away). I wish those who unsettle and confuse you would [go all the way and] cut themselves off! (Galatians 5:11, 12 AMP)

For you, brethren, were [indeed] called to freedom; only [do not let your] freedom be an incentive to your flesh and an opportunity or excuse [for selfishness], but through love you should serve one another. (Galatians 5:13 AMP)

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Galatians 5:14 NKJV)

But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another! (Galatians 5:15 NKJV)

But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). (Galatians 5:16 AMP)

For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do. (Galatians 5:17 AMP)

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. (Galatians 5:18 NKJV)