

Stand Firm

Galatians 5:1-3

The question for us in Galatians is “How Am I Right with God?” Basing your justification on anything other than what Christ has done leaves you outside the gospel.

Remember Paul breaks Galatians down into Spiritual Biography, theology and ethics or practical theology. These new believers at Galatia had formerly been slaves to a false religion. Paul came and preached Christ to them, delivering them from the bonds of slavery. The _____ come and taught these new believers need the genuine seal of salvation, circumcision.

To summarize chapter 5 we could call it the _____ . Eventually we will get to the famous verses in chapter 5 regarding the _____ of the Spirit. This fruit reveals a genuine fully devoted follower of Jesus.

I. _____ Firm vs 1

Verse 1 is a _____ of all that has gone before and a transition to what is coming. It’s possibly the most important verse in the book.

Paul commands us to _____ and then follows it with another command _____ yourselves in a yoke of slavery. This yoke of slavery was attempting to keep the OT Law as a means of _____. First century Jews did not believe in _____ alone. Paul uses the phrase to refer to a beast of burden with its yoke that fastened the burden to the animal so it could not shake it off. Paul was warning these new believers about descending into another slavery, the slavery of _____ commandments found in the OT.

II. LOOK! Vs 2-3

For heaven’s sakes, please pay close attention to what I am going to say. He states, clearly, if you are _____ Christ will be of no _____ to you. So the choices are clear: It’s either _____ or _____. Accepting that circumcision reveals that we believe we can keep the Laws ourselves, making the work of Christ _____.

If I had a genuinely autographed baseball that Lou Gerhig signed, that ball could be worth _____. Imagine, if I decided that since the ink was fading, I got a fine point sharpie and

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traced that autograph. After all, I was merely wanting to assist it so others could read the autograph. The \$20,000 ball would immediately be worth _____. You or I attempting to “help” Jesus actually turns the immense gift of God to us into a _____.

How about you today? Have you kept, with perfection, mind you, all 613 laws of the OT? If you have, great, there’s nothing more to do except keep all of them for the remainder of you life. Only then could you enter heaven. Might I trouble you with one more thought: It’s a fact that neither you nor I can keep 1 law, much less 613.

There are only two religions in the world: The religion of human _____ and the religion of Divine _____.

Where does your confidence, your faith reside?