

Galatians 5

I. Stand fast in the gospel of grace. Vs. 1-15

A. “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.” Vs. 1

John 8:36

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”

B. If you be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. Vs. 2

C. You must keep all the law if you are circumcised. Vs. 3

James 2:10

“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.”

D. If you try to be justified by the law: Vs. 4

1. Christ is become of no effect to you. Vs. 4

2. You are fallen from grace. Vs. 4

Hebrews 12:14-15

“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;”

John 5:24

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”

E. Through the Spirit you wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. Vs. 5

Philippians 3:9

“And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:”

F. In Jesus Christ: vs. 6

1. Circumcision or uncircumcision does not help. Vs. 6
 2. Only faith which works by love. Vs. 6
- G. You did run well. Vs. 7
1. Who hindered you that you should not obey the truth? Vs. 8
 2. The persuasion came not by the one who called you. Vs. 8
- H. A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. Vs. 9
- 1 Corinthians 5:6-8
- “Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?
- 7 ¶ Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:
- 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”
- I. In the Lord there is confidence that you will return to the truth. Vs. 10
- J. The false teacher will be judged. Vs. 10
- K. “If I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution?” Vs. 11
1. “Then is the offence of the cross ceased.” Vs. 11
- 1 Corinthians 1:18, 23
- “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
- 23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;”
- L. May those who trouble you be cut off. Vs. 12
- M. You have been called unto liberty. Vs. 13
1. Use not your liberty for an occasion to sin by the flesh. Vs. 13
- 1 Peter 2:13-17
- “Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.”

2. By love serve one another. Vs. 13

1 John 3:16-19

“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.”

N. All the law is fulfilled in one word. Vs. 14

1. Love thy neighbor as thyself. Vs. 14

Romans 13:8-10

“Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.”

O. You can be consumed one of another, if you bite and devour one

another. Vs. 15

1 Corinthians 3:3

“For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?”

James 3:14-18

“But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.”

II. Walk in the Spirit. Vs. 16-26

(The body will control the mind or the mind will control the body.
The Holy Spirit will work on the mind to control the body.)

A. Walk in the Spirit. Vs. 16

1. You will not fulfill the lust of the flesh. Vs. 16

Romans 8:1-13

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.”

B. The flesh lusteth against the Spirit. Vs. 17

1. The Spirit is against the flesh. Vs. 17

2. The flesh is contrary to the Spirit. Vs. 17

3. You cannot do the things that ye would. Vs. 17

Romans 7:21-25

“I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.”

C. If you are led of the Spirit, you are not under the law. Vs. 18
Romans 6:14-15

“For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.”

D. The works of the flesh: vs. 19-21

The corrupt human nature of the body and mind.

1. Adultery
2. Fornication
3. Uncleanness
4. Lasciviousness
5. Idolatry
6. Witchcraft
7. Hatred
8. Variance
9. Emulations
10. Wrath
11. Strife
12. Seditions
13. Heresies
14. Envyings
15. Murders
16. Drunkenness
17. Revellings
18. And such like.

E. Those who do the works of the flesh shall not inherit the kingdom

of God. Vs. 21

F. The fruit of the Spirit: Vs. 22-23

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Long-suffering
5. Gentleness
6. Goodness
7. Faith
8. Meekness
9. Temperance

G. There is no law against the fruit of the Spirit. Vs. 23

H. In Christ you crucify the flesh with the affections and lust. Vs. 24

Romans 6:6

“Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.”

I. If you live in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit. Vs. 25

1. Be not desirous of vain glory. Vs. 26
2. Do not provoke one another. Vs. 26
3. Do not envy one another. Vs. 26