

Galatians 5 Outline

- 1A** The command to stand in freedom, 1 Therefore in the liberty by which Christ set us free, stand, and do not again be caught in a yoke of slavery.
- 2A** The course of life for the legalist, vv.2-4:
 - 1B** The profitless nature of legalism, 2 Behold, I Paul am speaking to you, that if you are circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.
 - 2B** The ultimate effect of legalism, 3 But I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is a debtor to do the whole Law.
 - 3B** The ultimate result of legalism, 4 You were abolished from Christ, you who are justified by the Law; you have fallen out from the grace.
- 3A** The contrast of the true grace spiritual life, vv.5-6:
 - 1B** The hope of the faith-based life, 5 For we by the Spirit from faith eagerly await the hope of righteousness.
 - 2B** The essence of spiritual life in faith, 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision accomplish anything, but faith energizing through love.
- 4A** The source, influence, judgment, and outcome for the troublers, vv.7-12:
 - 1B** Query about responsibility for the present circumstance, 7 You were running well; who thwarted you from obeying the truth?
 - 2B** Negative identification of the influence, 8 This pull is not from the One who calls you.
 - 3B** The pervading nature of legalistic influence, 9 A little leaven leavens the whole batch.
 - 4B** Paul's confidence in his readers and their troublers, 10 I am confident in you in the Lord, that you will think nothing else; but the one who troubles you will bear the judgment, whoever he is.
 - 5B** The test for sound preaching, 11 But I, brothers, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the offense of the cross has been abolished.
 - 6B** Call for self-emasculatation of the troublers, 12 Indeed, would that those who disturb you cut themselves off.
- 5A** The true divine call for the Galatians, vv.13-18:
 - 1B** The essence and purpose of their calling, 13 For you were called for liberty, brothers, only not liberty unto an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love.
 - 2B** The summary of the fulfillment of the Law toward others, 14 For all the Law is fulfilled in one word, in this, "Love your neighbor as yourself."
 - 3B** The contrasting behavior of legalists and ultimate result, 15 But if you bite and devour one another, see that you are not destroyed by one another.
 - 4B** The great command of the spiritual life, 16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will certainly not fulfill the lust of the flesh.
 - 5B** The perpetual battle and the outcome in legalism, 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these things oppose one another, that whatever you do not want, these things you do.
 - 6B** The great principle of the spiritual life, 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.
- 6A** The character of the two types of Christian, vv.19-24:
 - 1B** The sample list of the works of the flesh, vv.19-21b:

- 1C Works of sensuality, 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness,
- 2C Works of demonism, 20a idolatry, drug abuse,
- 3C Works of hatred, 20b-21a, enmities, strifes, envies, angers, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, 21 jealousies, murders,
- 4C Works of dissipation, 21b, drunkennesses, carousings,
- 2B Summary and outcome, 21c, and things like these; what I foretell you, just as also I told you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.
- 3B The fruit of the Spirit, and summary, 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; there is no law against such things.
- 4B Identification of those who live with Christ at their source, 24 Now these are of Christ, the ones who crucified the flesh together with the passions and the lusts.
- 7A Exhortation to extend spiritual life into spiritual harmony, vv.25-26:
 - 1B Exhortation to stand in rank, 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also by the Spirit stand in rank.
 - 2B Exhortation to avoid the pridefulness that leads to division, 26 Let us not become vain-glories, provoking one another, envying one another.