

THE LETTER

# GALEATIANS

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— THAT SAVED THE CHURCH



“I am astonished...” (Galatians 1:6)

“You foolish Galatians! (3:1)

“I fear that I have wasted my efforts on you”  
(4:11)

“I am perplexed about you” (4:20)

“trying to pervert the gospel” (Galatians 1:7)

“let them be under God’s curse” (1:8)

“those weak and miserable forces” (4:9)

<sup>1</sup> It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. <sup>2</sup> Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. <sup>3</sup> Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law.

Galatians 5:1-3 (NIV 2011)

<sup>4</sup> You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

Galatians 5:4-6 (NIV 2011)

<sup>7</sup> You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? <sup>8</sup> That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. <sup>9</sup> “A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.” <sup>10</sup> I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion, whoever that may be, will have to pay the penalty.

Galatians 5:7-10 (NIV 2011)

<sup>11</sup> Brothers and sisters, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished.

<sup>12</sup> As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!

Galatians 5:11-12 (NIV 2011)

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Galatians 5:2-6, 11-12 (NIV 2011)



<sup>10</sup> This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised.

<sup>11</sup> You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you.

Genesis 17:10-11 (NIV 2011)

<sup>28</sup> A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. <sup>29</sup> No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code...

Romans 2:28-29a (NIV 2011)

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Galatians 5:1 (NIV 2011)

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Galatians 5:2-4 (NIV 2011)

<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV 2011)

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Galatians 5:5-6 (NIV 2011)

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Galatians 5:7-10 (NIV 2011)

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