

Bible Study: Galatians 5:1-6 (Study Guide)

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Paul now restates – *in a powerful, yet simplistic way* – that which he illustrated to the Galatian believers in chapter four as he used Sarah and Isaac, and Hagar and Ishmael, in a spiritual analogy regarding those under the law and those who are free from the law. Let's consider now, the words of the Holy Spirit as He speaks through Paul's pen:

Galatians 5:1-6 –

It was for FREEDOM that Christ set us FREE; **therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.**

2 Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, **Christ will be of no benefit to you.**

3 And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that **he is under obligation to keep the whole Law.**

4 **You have been severed from Christ,** you who are seeking to be justified by law; **you have fallen from grace.**

5 For we through the Spirit, **by faith,** are waiting for **the hope of righteousness.**

6 **For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.**

How do we know that we are unable to earn our salvation by works? Consider **Romans 3:23,** and **Romans 6:23.**

How does the Greek language arrange the words of a sentence?

In the last two verses of Chapter 4, and the first verse of Chapter 5, Paul uses some form of the word “**FREE**” FOUR TIMES.

By doing so, he states emphatically, that salvation is by GRACE, it is FREE; not by _____ as the Judaizers claimed. Also, that in Christ, there is freedom of _____ with God.

What let’s us know that Paul didn’t want to leave any opportunity for misunderstanding by the Galatians?

Based on this passage, can one who is circumcised receive any benefit from Jesus Christ? Why, or why not?

Is it possible for a believer to move themselves *from grace to condemnation*? If so, what makes that possible?

What things might one do to avoid falling from grace?

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- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

Verse 5 makes clear that it is through the help of the Holy Spirit, and our faith in Christ, that we await a “the hope of righteousness.” Our hope being in Jesus Christ by grace through faith, will one day deliver to us the fullness of righteousness, that we make heaven our eternal home. And, this is available to anyone, whether Jew (circumcised), or Gentile (uncircumcised), because it is a free gift of salvation, not in our works, but by grace through faith.