

Bible Study – Guide for Galatians 5:7-15
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We pick up today in the fifth chapter of Galatians as Paul continues to address the Galatian believers who are **struggling with the allowing their minds to be changed**, accepting as a perversion to the Gospel they had originally received, the value of works rather than grace.

7 You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth?

8 This persuasion did not come from Him who calls you.

9 *A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough.*

10 I have confidence in you in the Lord that you will adopt no other view; but the one who is disturbing you will bear his judgment, whoever he is.

11 But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been abolished.

12 I wish that those who are troubling you would even mutilate themselves. [Emasculate / Castrate]

13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only *do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.*

14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the *statement*, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” [Ref: **Matt. 22:36-40]**

15 *But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.*

Notes from v. 8 -

Notes from v. 9 -

Notes from v. 10 -

Consider **Romans 8** -

5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is *not even able to do so*,

8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, IF indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

Notes from v. 11 –

Consider **Acts 9:24** –

Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus,

20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, **“He is the Son of God.”**

21 All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, “Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and *who* had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?”

22 **But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this Jesus is the Christ.**

23 When many days had elapsed, **the Jews plotted together to do away with him,**

24 but their plot became known to Saul. **They were also watching the gates day and night so that they might put him to death;**

25 but his disciples took him by night and let him down through *an opening in the wall*, lowering him in a large basket.

Consider **1 Peter 3:21** –

“baptism now saves you—*not the removal of dirt from the flesh*, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”

It is NOT the ritual of going under the water; but...

It is the state of the heart based on *the cross and resurrection* of Jesus Christ.

THAT is the baptism that is salvation: **the heartfelt faith in Christ’s work.**

Notes on verse 12 - "I wish that those who are troubling you would even mutilate themselves."

Deuteronomy 23:1 -

"He who is emasculated by crushing or mutilation shall not enter the assembly of the Lord."

Why would Paul say such a thing?