

13 October 2024 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“Your Duty to Preserve Freedom in Christ” -- Galatians 5:1-6

Questions to Answer from the Text:

1. What has Christ Jesus done for us, His people (v. 1a)?
2. Because of this, what must we do (v. 1b)?
3. What did Paul not want the Galatians to accept (v. 2a)?
4. If the Galatians accepted circumcision, what benefit would Christ have been to them (v. 2b)?
5. If the Galatians submitted to circumcision, what would they be obligated to do (v. 3)?
6. What would be the Galatians’ relationship to Christ if they sought to be justified by the Law (v. 4a)?
7. From what would the Galatians be removed if they accepted circumcision (v. 4b)?
8. Instead of expecting law-keeping to bring about righteousness in the world, how do true Christians expect this to happen (v. 5)?
9. What does not count for righteousness in Christ Jesus (v. 6a)?
10. What truly counts for righteousness in Christ Jesus (v. 6b)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

11. Since Paul seems so dismissive of the Mosaic Law, should we conclude that it possesses no relevance or benefit to Christians under the New Covenant? Why or why not?
12. If the Law of Moses no longer applies to the Christian, does this mean the believer in Christ today has license to live as he or she desires?
13. What guarantees that Christians will make progress in becoming more like Christ Jesus?
14. Give the four negative consequences that would result if the Galatians submitted to circumcision. How would these apply to a Christian today who incorporated a system of merit or a religion of “faith-plus-something” in order to be saved?
15. What religious systems tend to attract professing Christians away from the Gospel of grace?
16. If a religious system or denomination (e.g. Roman Catholicism) believes in faith and grace to be saved, can it yet be a yoke of slavery? How?
17. How can Paul speak of a Christian being “severed from Christ” (v. 4a) if he/she professes Christ?

18. Are there other ways to be severed from Christ besides adopting a syncretistic religious system?
19. What can you do daily to stand fast in the freedom of Christ?
20. How is performing a duty that Scripture commands (e.g., “stand fast”) unlike seeking to be justified by works of the Law?