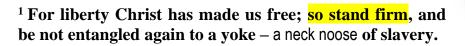
## **GALATIANS 5 vs 1**



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As the House of Israel prepared for Assyrian captivity 700 years after having rejected the 10 instructions, the Lord said: Though I wrote ten thousand, they are regarded as a strange thing -- Hosea 8; as the House of Judah prepared for Babylonian captivity, He allowed them onerous manmade traditions and said: So, I permitted them statues that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live -- Ezekiel 20.

But this is what Moses told the people of God so that they prosper and live long in the land they were to enter, first promised to Abraham.





- <sup>2</sup> Pay attention: I, Paul, say to you, that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. / if you think snipping your penis gives you some advantage working to save yourself, it doesn't, the only Savior Jesus the Messiah does,
- <sup>3</sup>For I attest again to every one who relies on circumcision, that one is obligated to do the whole law / most laws are not bad, think what it would be like driving on the freeway with no law -- lots of disorder and destruction; Paul is speaking about ceremonial, sacrificial law, lighting candles, burning incense, praying to the dead -none of that is going to help you.
- <sup>4</sup>You have been severed cut off from Christ, if you seek to be counted right by the law; you have fallen from grace.
- <sup>5</sup>For we through the Spirit, by faith wait for the hope-- the future desire of righteousness / found only in Jesus the Messiah.
- <sup>6</sup> For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision nor uncircumcision gains anything; what matters is faith working through love.
- <sup>7</sup>You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?
- **8 This persuasion is not from the One who calls you** / Paul is giving fair warning from God.

## <sup>9</sup>A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

<sup>10</sup>I have confidence in the Lord, that you will see it **no** other way: but the one who troubles you – whoever it is, will pay the penalty.

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Persecuted? In that case the offence of the cross is abolished. / circumcision began with Abraham Genesis 17, Moses preached circumcision of the heart Deut. 10:16 and Deut. 30:6, so did prophet Jeremiah Jer.4:4. Paul preached to the Romans circumcision of the heart: Rom. 2:29.

<sup>12</sup> I wish those who trouble you were even severed- cut off / Paul graphically says: I would have all those who trouble you emasculate themselves! just whack the whole thing off.

<sup>13</sup> For you are called to be free, brothers and sisters. Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but with love serve one another / Dr. Dallas Willard of USC in his book Knowing Christ Today, discusses order and disorder... until Christ is formed in our hearts by faith:

**God** – the most important - who is spirit, eternal, unbodily presence: He's on top

Our spirit – where I say: Yes or No, when I am right or wrong; my heart, my treasury; my unique ego, my executive decision making... is for serving God;

Our mind – where my thought and accompanying feelings – together with external images beyond rational thought, always intersect with soul... is for serving my spirit.

Our soul – the entire living sentient complex; on autopilot, working when we're asleep, and hopefully when we are awake... is for serving my mind (just an aside: every night as I lay down to rest, I have an audio bible playing in my ears)

Our body – the flesh, the least important, thin veneer of life that stands on the border of created life; containing our 5 senses... is for serving my soul. Keep it on the bottom

This simplistic 4 divisions of self... when functioning properly, brings order to our being; inverting this order, severs our being from God and His will; and only brings us disastrous disorder.

Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but with love serve one another.

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one phrase: love your neighbor as yourself / love is a misused word in the 21st century; we say, I love chocolate cake and vanilla ice-cream; but we're not going to have sex with our dessert. Love is best understood considering the first page of the bible; when God in the beginning created everything that would benefit Adam and all who would come from him; God created lights in the heavens, and He didn't need any light; He created fruits and vegetables of the garden, and He didn't need to eat even one apple or orange; we see love is the desire to provide for the welfare of others. Our great Father in heaven is very loving; He set the example and said love your neighbor as yourself / He expects us to look out for the wellbeing of others. In Romans Paul wrote: Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. For this You will not adulterate, you will not steal, you will not covet, and if there is any other instruction, it is summed up saying: Love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love fulfills the law—Romans 13.

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<sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, watch out or you might be eaten by one another. <sup>16</sup> So, I say, keep pace with the Spirit, and you will not gratify the unruly desires of the flesh – the least important.

<sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit what is against the flesh, for these oppose each other: to keep you from doing whatever you would.

- 18 If you are led of the Spirit, you are not under the law.
- 19 Now the deeds of the flesh are obvious: infidelity, immoral filth, sexing around,
- idolatry, sorcery, conflicts, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, quarrels, rebellions, heresies,
- envying, murders, inebriates, carousing, and similar things / 16+marks of a disordered house:

I warn you, as I warned you: those who put in practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. / Paul says God is not populating His eternity with earth's trailer trash.

<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace / with God,

patience, kindness, goodness / with one another,

faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> teachable, self-control / within our self: there is no law against these things.

- Now, those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and strong desires / those who die daily, who live in the Spirit; they pick up their cross daily; they put off the Old man; and put on the New man all saying the same thing,
- <sup>25</sup> if we live by the Spirit, let us also keep pace with the Spirit.
- <sup>26</sup> Let us **not** be conceited, challenging one another, even envying one another.

Jesus said:

**Love God with all your heart and soul and strength**; and love your neighbor as yourself:

He's Coming Again Dance Like David JESUS, IT IS YOU