

Faith That Works by Love

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TEXT: Galatians 5:1-12

MAIN POINT: To those who _____ Him, God gives the freedom to _____ Him, to _____ Him, and to _____ Him with _____.

Galatians 5:12

12 *As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!* (NIV)

Two Choices:

CHOICE #1: The most basic choice is between _____ and _____.

Galatians 5:1

1 *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.* (NIV)

KEY POINT: This verse tells us _____ Christ _____—to _____ . It also tells us _____ we must do to maintain our freedom—_____. And it _____ us about what we must avoid—the entangling _____ of _____ to sin.

CHOICE #2: Involves _____ versus _____.

Arguments Paul Presents:

ARGUMENT #1: If you give in to the Judaizers, Christ is of _____
_____ to you.

Galatians 5:2

2 Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. (NIV)

ARGUMENT #2: If you give in to the Judaizers, you are _____ to
_____ the _____ law.

Galatians 5:3

3 Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. (NIV)

ARGUMENT #3: If you give in to the Judaizers, you have _____ the
gospel of _____.

Galatians 5:4

4 You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. (NIV)

Five Dangers Of Living By The Law Instead Of Living By Grace:

DANGER #1: It stops our _____ .

Galatians 5:7

7 You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? (NIV)

DANGER #2: It _____ **us** _____ **from God.**

Galatians 5:8

8 That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. (NIV)

DANGER #3: It leads to _____ .

Galatians 5:9

9 “A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.” (NIV)

DANGER #4: It produces _____ .

Galatians 5:10

10 I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion will pay the penalty, whoever he may be. (NIV)

DANGER #5: It removes the _____ of the _____.

Galatians 5:11

11 Brothers, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. (NIV)

Galatians 5:5-6

5 But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope.

6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. (NIV)

Three Simple Conclusions:

CONCLUSION #1: When it comes to the gospel, there can be _____
_____.

CONCLUSION #2: Even a _____ compromise in this area, produces
_____ results.

CONCLUSION #3: The _____ thing that matters is _____
Jesus Christ as _____ and _____.