

Galatians Study Questions

Galatians 5:1-12

¹ 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.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 shall 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 Would that those who are troubling you would even mutilate themselves.

1. According to verse one why did Christ set us free? What is Paul's point here? Consider the previous context.
2. What is Paul referring to by the expression "a yoke of slavery"? Compare also Acts 15:10.
3. In verse three Paul says, "I testify again." Where in this epistle did he state this principle before?
4. What has happened to those who "are seeking to be justified by law"? What common teaching regarding salvation does this passage clearly refute?
5. By or through what means are we "waiting for the hope of righteousness"? What contrast might this verse be making? Consider the immediate preceding and following context.
6. According to verse six, what is not of any significance "In Christ Jesus"? What is of significance?
7. What question does Paul ask the Galatians in verse seven? What were they clearly not doing?
8. Considering the preceding and following context, what is the "persuasion" Paul seems to be referencing in verse eight?
9. What is Paul's confidence regarding those "in the Lord"? What "view" is he referring to here?
10. What does Paul say regarding "the one who is disturbing" the Galatian Christians? See also verse twelve.
11. What does Paul site as the evidence that he himself is not preaching circumcision? See also Gal. 4:29.
12. How does Paul describe the cross as related to those who continue to preach circumcision?