

² Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.³ And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised ^dthat he is ²a debtor to keep the whole law.⁴ ^eYou have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to* be justified by law;^f you have fallen from grace.⁵ For we through the Spirit eagerly ^gwait for the hope of righteousness by faith.⁶ For ^hin Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but ⁱfaith working through love.

Galatians 5:2-6 (NIV)
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.³ Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law.⁴ You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.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.

Galatians 5:2-6 (NA26)
² Τίδε ἐγὼ Παῦλος λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ἐὰν περιτέμνησθε, Χριστὸς ὑμᾶς οὐδὲν ὡφελήσει. ³ μαρτύρομαι δὲ πάλιν παντὶ ἀνθρώπῳ περιτεμνομένῳ ὅτι ὁφειλέτης ἔστιν ὅλον τὸν νόμον ποιῆσαι. ⁴ κατηργήθητε ἀπὸ Χριστοῦ, οἵτινες ἐν νόμῳ δικαιοῦσθε, τῆς χάριτος ἐξεπέσατε. ⁵ ήμεῖς γὰρ πνεύματι ἐκ πίστεως ἐλπίδα δικαιοσύνης ἀπεκδεχόμεθα. ⁶ ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὕτε περιτομή τι ἰσχύει οὕτε ἀκροβυστία ἀλλὰ πίστις δι' ἀγάπης ἐνεργούμενη.

^c Acts 15:1; Gal. 5:3, 6, 11

^d [Deut. 27:26; Rom. 2:25; Gal. 3:10]

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^e [Rom. 9:31]

^f Heb. 12:15; 2 Pet. 3:17

^g Rom. 8:24

^h [1 Cor. 7:19; Gal. 6:15; Col. 3:11]

ⁱ Col. 1:4; 1 Thess. 1:3; [James 2:18, 20, 22]

Love Fulfills the Law

⁷ You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸ This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you. ⁹ ^kA little leaven leavens the whole lump. ¹⁰ I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is.

¹¹ And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, ^lwhy do I still suffer persecution? Then ^mthe offense of the cross has ceased. ¹² ⁿI could wish that those ^owho trouble you would even ³cut themselves off!

Galatians 5:7-12 (NIV)

⁷ You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? ⁸ That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. ⁹ “A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.” 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. 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. ¹² As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!

Galatians 5:7-12 (NA26)

⁷ Ἐτρέχετε καλῶς· τίς ύμᾶς ἐνέκοψεν [τῇ] ἀληθείᾳ μὴ πείθεσθαι ⁸ ή πεισμονὴ οὐκ ἐκ τοῦ καλοῦντος ύμᾶς. ⁹ μικρὰ ζύμη ὅλον τὸ φύραμα ζυμοῖ. ¹⁰ ἐγὼ πέποιθα εἰς ύμᾶς ἐν κυρίῳ ὅτι οὐδὲν ἄλλο φρονήσετε· ὁ δὲ ταράσσων ύμᾶς βαστάσει τὸ κρίμα, ὅστις ἔὰν ἦ.

¹¹ Ἔγὼ δέ, ἀδελφοί, εἰ περιτομὴν ἔτι κηρύσσω, τί ἔτι διώκομαι ἄρα κατήργηται τὸ σκάνδαλον τοῦ σταυροῦ. ¹² Ὁφελον καὶ ἀποκόψονται οἱ ἀναστατοῦντες ύμᾶς.

^j 1 Cor. 9:24

^k 1 Cor. 5:6

^l 1 Cor. 15:30

^m Rom. 9:33; [1 Cor. 1:23]

ⁿ Josh. 7:25

^o Acts 15:1, 2

³ mutilate themselves