

Authentic Freedom

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ² Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you.³ I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law.

⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

Galatians 5:1-12 (ESV) ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. ⁷ You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?⁸ This persuasion is not from him who calls you.

⁹ A little leaven leavens the whole lump. ¹⁰ I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. ¹¹ But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted?

In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. ¹² I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

Being free in Christ, stand firm in the freedom of grace.

The only faith that works is faith in Jesus's finished work.