

Christ has Set Us Free from False Messages and False Messengers
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For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1

Results of False Messages

1) Christ is Insufficient

Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you.

Galatians 5:2

2) We must obey the Law

I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law.

Galatians 5:3

3) Turn away from Grace

You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

Galatians 5:4

4) Lose the Hope of Future Glory

For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

Galatians 5:5

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

Galatians 5:6

Characteristics of False Messengers

1) Hinder Obedience to the Truth

You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?

Galatians 5:7

2) Are Not from God

This persuasion is not from him who calls you.

Galatians 5:8

3) Contaminate Others

A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

Galatians 5:9

4) Will be Judged

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.

Galatians 5:10

5) Persecute True Teachers

But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

Galatians 5:11-12

Final Words

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Galatians 5:13-16