

Oak Hill Baptist Church

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## **Galatians 5:1-25**

### **For Freedom Christ Has Set You Free**

**Does God want you free?**

**Does God want to weigh you down with works to earn Him?**

**Does God want you in slavery?**

**Does sin weigh you down?**

**Faith in Christ, sets you free!**

**You only have two options for eternity!**

- 1. Either you earn salvation through being perfect (no one is perfect)**
- 2. You are given grace through faith in Christ!**

**If you can have mercy and grace, why would you put yourself back under the law!**

**Either you earn salvation through being perfect or you are given grace through faith in Christ!**

**Romans 6:23** *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Vs 1-6 God wants you to be free.**

**God does not want you to be in slavery to sin, this world, to satan, or to hell.**

**Doing good things (works or the law) does not make you righteous with God. Repenting of your sins and asking Jesus to be your Master saves you and sets you free!**

**If you know Jesus you are an adopted child of God!**

- 1. Free from sin- punishment paid in full**
- 2. Free to have a relationship with the living God**
- 3. Free from the chains of fear of this world**
- 4. Free from eternal death and punishment**
- 5. Free to live a joy filled life**
- 6. Free in a safe earthy church family and safe for eternity in God's family**
- 7. Adopted by the perfect Father who loves you and will always care perfectly for you**

Paul makes the argument to the church of Galatia that both the Jews in that church and the Gentiles in that church were set free from sin and made right with God because of their faith, and not because of certain good works (circumcision). If the church goes back to the sacrificial system and the law, they will put themselves back into slavery and abolish that salvation God gives through faith. This is a different Gospel than the one that saved them.

We cannot lose our salvation, but we are only saved by our faith in Jesus. They should not preach circumcision; they must preach Jesus.

*Gather ~ Praise ~ Pray ~ Grow ~ Serve*

**Vs 7-12 Are there people in the church that taught you something different than faith in Jesus? Who are the people that emphasized circumcision or good works for salvation? That was not from God.**

**False teaching in the church impacts the whole church.**

**We must be careful about what we teach in church and who we let teach in church.**

**Titus 2:2** *But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. 2 Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. 3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, 4 and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. 6 Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. 7 Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, 8 and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. 9 Bondservants[b] are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, 10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. 15 Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.*

**2 Timothy 4:4** *I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound[a] teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*

**James 3:1** *Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.*

**As the church WE MUST TEACH THE BIBLE. IT IS THE WORD OF GOD.**

**When we have faith in Jesus as our Savior, God Himself helps us clean up and grow and change. This is called sanctification, but it is an act of God. If the Spirit of God is in you, He will change you!**

When we believe in Jesus as our Lord and ask forgiveness of sins, we are doing well. We must not fall back into works for salvation. You are saved by faith. You cannot lose your salvation. We can never earn our salvation. **We must not fall back into the trap of thinking we can do anything to save us. We must serve the Lord out of love and gratefulness, not out of obligation.**

**Following rules for God does not do it! Jesus saves us and grows us. Only faith in Christ saves us. He loved us so much He died for us. Not only does He love us, when we trust in Christ, He will love us and give us more love flowing out of us.**

If we are legalistic and add works to our salvation, it affects the whole church and others around us in life.

**13-16 We do not need to weigh down others with works for salvation. Works do not save us. We need to tell others about faith in Jesus.**

**We need to use our free gift of salvation through faith as a way to love and care for others.**

**Matt 28:19-20 Jesus commands us ~ Go make disciples, Baptize, teach to obey! This is a process.**

**Matt 28:19-20 19** *Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 **teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.** And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

**Mark 16:15-18** *And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. 16 **Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.** 17 And these **signs will accompany those who believe:** in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

**We are saved by faith, but after we are saved the Spirit will convict us of sin, the Word of God will guide us in how we should live, and the people of God will model what godly character will look like.**

1. Saved
2. Baptized as a public profession of faith
3. Taught the word of God to know how to live
4. Modeled how to live by other believers (discipled)
5. Model how to live to others (disciple)
6. No matter where we are on this list, we must always be quick to repent, turn back to Jesus when we turn away from Him to sin.
7. If we know what sin is and do not care if it is in our life (we must wonder to ourselves if we are saved. (Matt 18)

**Vs 16-25 Walk by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.**

**We are saved by faith.**

**When we are saved the Spirit of God indwells us. Our body is His temple.**

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*

If you are saved. You are given the Spirit of God. If you are saved you desire to live for God out of thankfulness and not out of obligation. A newly saved person needs to be taught.

**Romans 8:1-17** *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

### **Heirs with Christ**

*12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons [f] of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

### **What about a person who says they are a Christian, but they live in unrepentant sin?**

1. They are either lost and acting lost and they need to repent and turn to Jesus, or they are immature and living like they are immature and they need to repent and turn to Jesus. It is our job as the church to love them, teach them how to repent and leave sin, and help them to maturity.
2. It is possible for someone to be saved and mature, but backslide. If this is the case, it is our job as the church to go to them, love them, encourage them to repent and turn back to Jesus. If they refuse, they and we should wonder if they are saved. We should encourage them to repent and turn to Jesus.

**In all cases of a lost, immature, or mature person wandering from Jesus, we must tell them to repent and ask Jesus to be their Lord and Savior.**