

“DEAR BELIEVER, STAND FAST IN YOUR LIBERTY!” Pt. 2

(Galatians 5:1-6)

I. PAUL DEFENDS HIS AUTHORITY AND THE ORIGINATION OF HIS GOSPEL (Gal. 1 & 2)

II. PAUL DEFENDS JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (Gal. 3 & 4)

III. PAUL DEFENDS CHRISTIAN LIBERTY AND LIVING BY GRACE (Gal. 5 & 6)

A. You are to STAND FAST in Grace (5:1-12)

1. Your position of liberty in Christ is to be acknowledged (5:1a)

2. Your position of liberty in Christ is not to be compromised (5:1b)

3. The hypocrisy of the legalist who attempts to keep just a few aspects of the Law (5:2-3)

4. The very serious present condition of the Galatian believers (5:4)

a. For those believers who seek to be justified by law, they will be _____
from Jesus Christ (5:4a)

* What does this word mean?

* Can someone be legalistic when doing legitimate, God-ordained works?

b. For those believers who seek to be justified by law, they will _____ away from grace
_____, and grace _____. (5:4b)

* When legalism pervades your thinking, what happens to your dependence of Jesus Christ?

* What does this *not* mean?

c. Paul intentionally draws a sharp contrast between the “_____” of verse 4 and the
“_____” of verse 5.

* Which pronoun best describes you today?

5. The proper Christian mindset under grace (5:5–6)

a. When living under grace...

(1) believers live “*through the*” power of the _____ . (5:5a)

* How does a person receive the Spirit of God? (Gal. 3:2)

* Is the Holy Spirit really even needed under legalism?

(2) believers “*eagerly _____ for the _____ of righteousness.*” (5:5b)

(3) believers live “*by _____.*” (5:5c)

* How is this different than legalism?

(4) believers live in light of their union “*_____.*” (5:6a)

(5) believers recognize the worthlessness of _____ . (5:6b)

* What other spiritual imbalance needs to be avoided when moving away from this?

(6) believers realize what really matters is “*_____ through _____.*” (5:6c)

* How can you apply this truth personally?