

“DEAR BELIEVER, STAND FAST IN YOUR LIBERTY!” Pt. 3

(Galatians 5:7-12)

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)**
- 5. The proper Christian mindset under grace (5:5-6)**
- 6. The characteristics of the legalists and their teaching (5:7-12)**

- a. Legalism will spiritually _____ you in _____ the race of the Christian life. (5:7)

* In what way did the legalism affect the Galatians?

* What is sobering about the *imperfect* tense of “you ran well”?

- b. Legalistic false teaching regarding justification and sanctification does _____ originate with _____. (5:8)

* Who is the author of all religion?

- c. Legalistic false teaching will _____ infect your thinking if left _____. (5:9)

* What does “*leaven*” typically represent in the O.T. and N.T.?

d. Paul chose to use “leaven” in this passage because if given enough _____, the permeating effect of the false teaching would _____ throughout all the churches in Galatia.

* How much “leaven” was necessary in order to infect a believer?

e. Legalism will definitely create a lot of _____ for you in your Christian walk. (5:10)

* Concerning this leader of the Judaizers, what was Paul’s expectation?

* Who was the real trouble maker in these Galatian churches?

f. Legalists will _____ those who preach grace, and the message of the _____ of the Person and work of Christ. (5:11)

* Why would legalists do such a thing?

* What can we expect today if we take an uncompromising stand against legalistic teaching?

g. In v. 12 (with “holy sarcasm”) Paul wished that the legalistic false teachers would go beyond _____ and _____ themselves. (5:12)

h. Likewise, legalistic false teachers must not be _____ in the churches, and believers must _____ themselves from fellowship and support of them.

* Are you standing firm against false teaching and legalism in your life?