


Faith: Trusting, Walking, Living*A Study in Ruth & Galatians***Galatians 5:1–6**

1. What has Christ done for us? (v. 1)


2. What slavery has Christ freed us from? (3:10–13, 23)




3. If Jesus has secured our freedom, why do you think Paul says we need to “stand firm” and “not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery” (v. 1b)? (1:6–7; 4:9;  * Heb. 10:32–39)

4. The challenge is to ask ourselves what sort of things are we doing that minimize the all-sufficiency of Christ in our lives. How are we living in a way that says Christ is not enough, not good enough? How are we adding things so we don’t have to rely on Christ and His Spirit alone (things that make us feel better about ourselves, special and more accepted)?

5. Consider how you live and interact with others.
 - a. How does this look when you are living as if you are still a slave?

 - b. How does this look when you are living in freedom?

*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.

6. Circumcision was an ordinance established by God as a sign of his covenant with his people.
 - a. What did the Judaizers believe about circumcision? (Acts 15:1)
 - b. Why would many Jewish Christians naturally assume circumcision was necessary? (Gen. 17:1–14)
 - c. What has changed so that it is no longer necessary? (Acts 15:7–11; Col. 2:9–14; * Deut. 30:6)
 7. If a man is circumcised to be justified (v. 4a), what else does he need to do? (v. 3)
 8. What is problematic about relying on obedience to the law? (3:10–11)
 9. What does Paul say will happen to our relationship with Christ if we rely on obeying the law (circumcision)? (vv. 2, 4)
 10. Instead of trying to be justified by the law, we should _____ for the righteousness for which we hope. (v. 5; *Rom. 8:22–24)
- How do we do this? By _____, through the _____. (v. 5)
11. After arguing against circumcision, why do you think Paul says, “neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value” (v. 6a)?
 12. What does “faith expressing itself through love” (v. 6b) look like? (5:13–14; *1 Pet. 1:22; 1 Jn. 3:16–20)