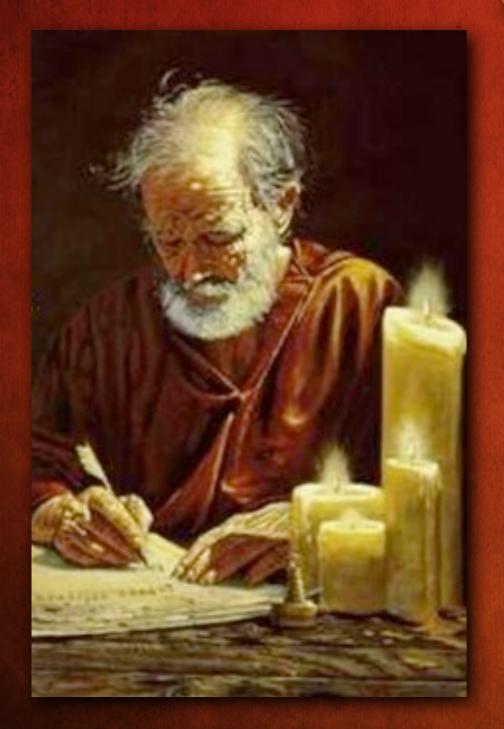
EPISTLE To The GALATIANS

"Stand Fast—Don't Fall!"
Galatians 5:1-7

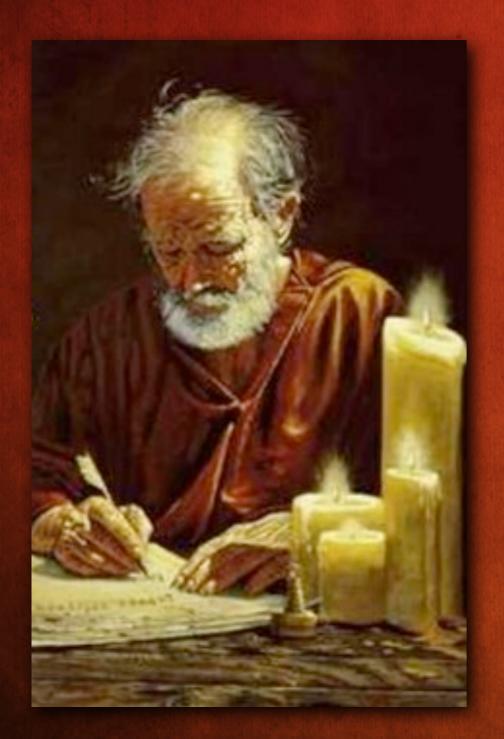
Paul Defends His Apostleship – (1:11–2:21)



Paul Argues autobiographically that:

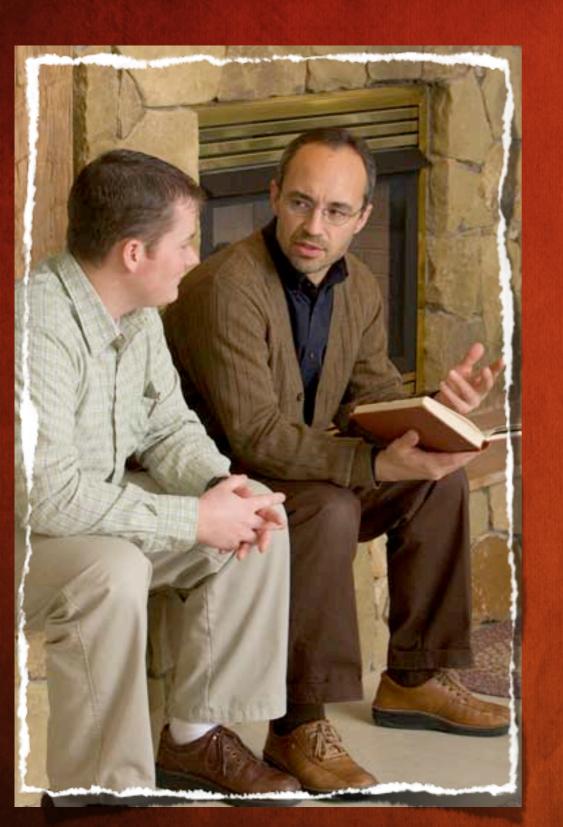
- * His apostleship was independent of the other apostles - The gospel he preached was directly from the Lord - 1:11,12
- * He was an apostle before he met the other apostles 1:13-17
- * When he did meet them he was received as an equal 1:18-2:10
- * He even found it necessary to rebuke Peter 2:11-21

Promise of Abraham Not Through The Law But Through Faith In Christ! – (3:1–29)



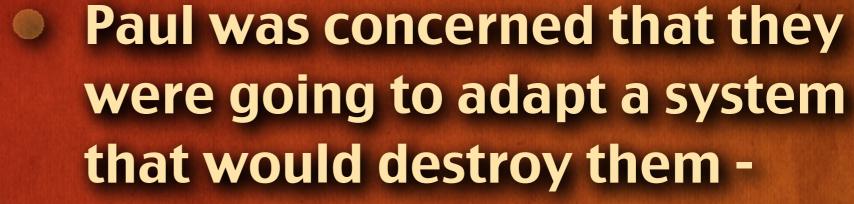
- Paul defends the gospel he preached
 - * By Their Experience (3:1-5)
 - * By The Example Of Abraham (3:6-9)
 - * By The Inability of the Law to Justify the Sinner (3:10-12)
 - * By The Work Of Christ (3:13-14)
 - * By Christ Being The Fulfillment of the Seed Promise to Abraham (3:15-18)
 - * By The Purpose Of The Law to Christ through whom they are released from sin (3:19-25)

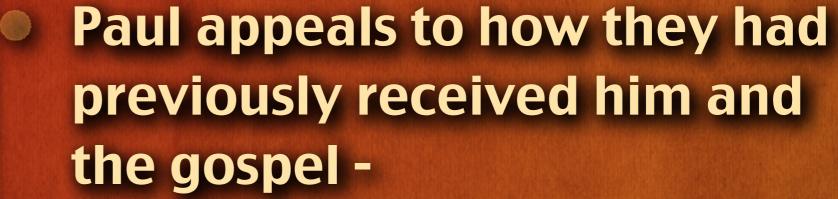
In Christ We Are Adopted As Sons & Heirs of God Through Christ! – (3:26–4:7)



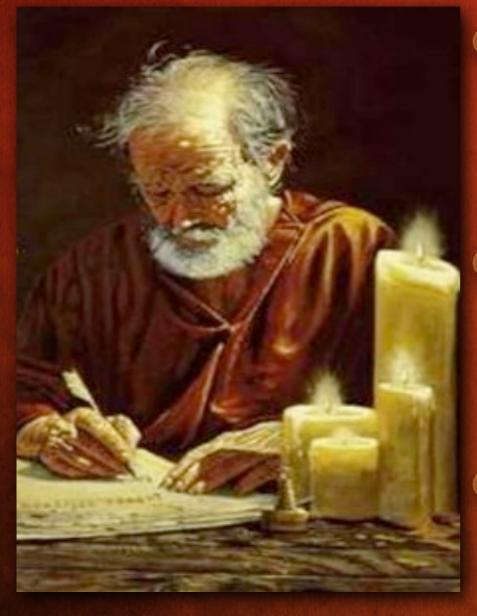
- To seek justification by the works of the Law is to return to being but a child under a guardian still in bondage to basic elements of religion
- To be justified by an obedient faith in Christ is to receive the inheritance as sons of God in Christ

Paul's Concern For The Churches! – (4:8–20)



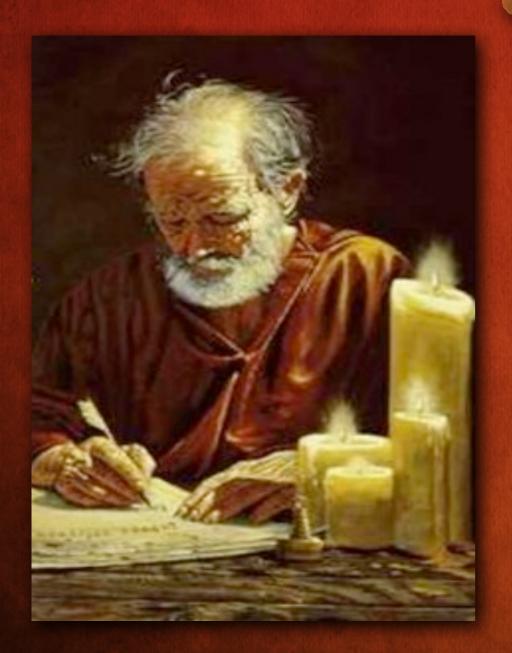


- Paul was genuinely concerned about them and for them -
- His desire was that Christ be formed in them -



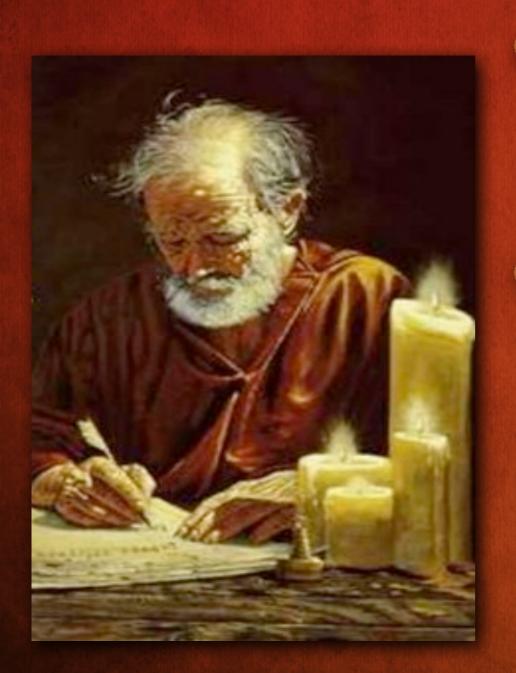
"The Allegory of Hagar & Sarah"—(4:21–31)

We Are Either In Bondage Or Free



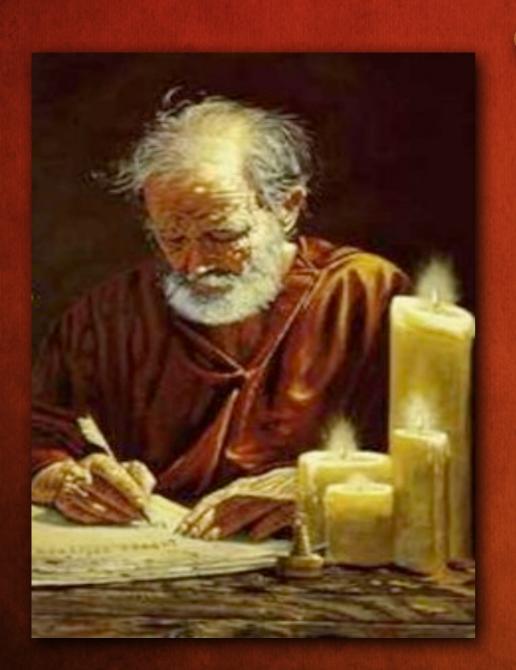
- Paul illustrates why the Galatians should not heed the Judaizing teachers
 - * It would be a return to slavery (to the Law of Moses)
 - * It would be turning their back on the Spirit who conceived them cf. Tit 3:5-7
 - * It would be turning away from the promises of heaven cf. He 12:22-25

The Danger of Being Severed From Christ



- The Galatian Christians had been set free from the bondage of idolatry and sin.
- The Judaizing teachers were putting them in danger of becoming in bondage all over again in bondage to the law (Gal. 4:1–6f).

The Danger of Being Severed From Christ



- Paul's warning is twofold in its nature two things would result from them accepting circumcision and the law:
 - * 1) accepting one part of the law made them debtors to keep the whole law -
 - * 2) acceptance of the law severed them from Christ.

Galatians 5:1-7 (NKJV)

¹ Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. ² Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. 3 And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. 4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

Galatians 5:1-7 (NKJV)

⁵ For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love. ⁷ You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?

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Galatians 5:1,2 (NKJV)

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

[2] Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.

- They stood in liberty through Christ!! BUT they could be brought under bondage again (1) 1:6; 3:2; 4:9,14
- If they reverted back to the Law of Moses, they would not be benefited by Christ's death. (2)
- They HAD BEEN benefiting from Christ but they could forfeit what Christ provided, i.e. salvation!

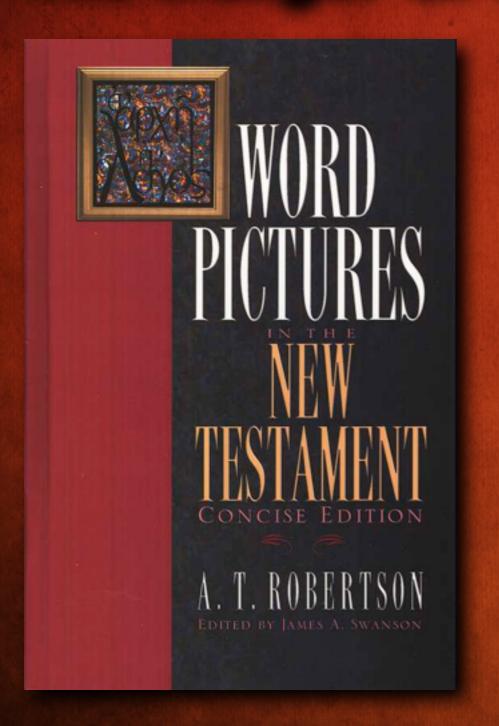
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Galatians 5:3,4 (NKJV)

[3] And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. [4] You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

- If they reverted back to the Law of Moses they would be rejecting Christ and depending only upon their perfect performance of that Law . (3) 3:10,11; Rom 3:23
- If they turned to the Law as their means of justification, they would "cut them off" from Christ. (4)
- At that point, they would have "fallen from grace." (4)

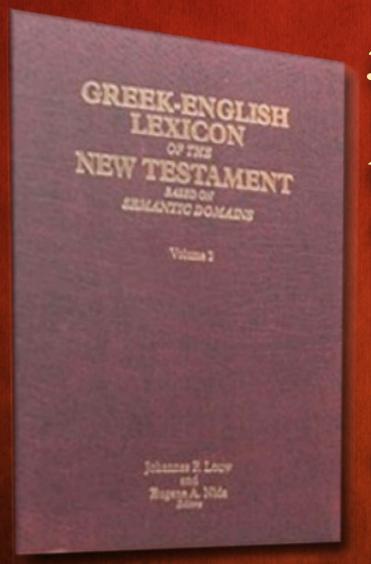
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Ye are severed from Christ (κατηργηθητε άπο Χριστου [katērgēthēte apo Christou]). First aorist passive of καταογεω [katargeō], to make null and void as in Rom. 7:2, 6. (loosed, delivered) (A.T. Robertson)

The Danger of Being Severed From Christ

Of no effect (KJV) / Estranged (NKJV)

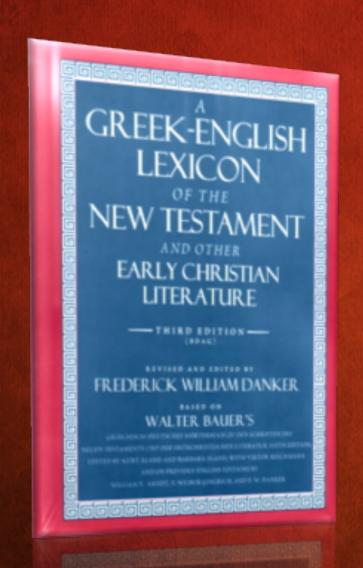


37.136 καταργέομαια: to cause the release from an association with a person or an institution on the basis that the earlier obligation or restriction is no longer relevant or in force—'to be freed, to be released.' ἐὰν δὲ ἀποθάνη ὁ ἀνήο, κατήργηται ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου τοῦ ἀνδρός 'if her husband dies, she is free from the law concerning her husband' or '... from the law that bound her to her husband' Ro 7:2.

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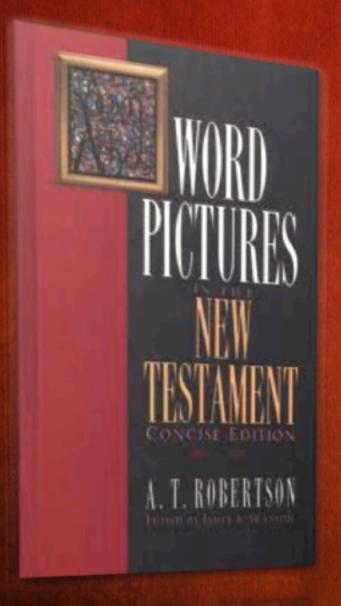
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Καταργέω - 4 - to cause the release of someone from an obligation (one has nothing more to do with it), be discharged, be released. In our lit. pass. καταργούμαι ἀπό τινος of a woman upon the death of her husband κατήργηται ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου τοῦ ἀνδρός Ro 7:2. Of Christians κ. ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου be released fr. the law vs. 6. Of those who aspire to righteousness through the law x. ἀπὸ Χοιστοῦ be estranged from Christ Gal 5:4.... BDAG / A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature.

The Danger of Being Severed From Christ

Have Fallen from grace - (A.T. Robertson)



- To be justified by Law (hoitines en nomōi dikaiousthe). Present passive conative indicative, "ye who are trying to be justified in the law."
- Fallen Second aorist active indicative of ekpiptō (with a variable vowel of the first aorist) and followed by the ablative case. "Ye did fall out of grace," "ye left the sphere of grace in Christ and took your stand in the sphere of law" as your hope of salvation.

"Stand Fast—Don't Fall!" – 5:1–7 Salvation Comes Through A Working, Loving Faith!

Galatians 5:5,6 (NKJV)

[5] For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. [6] For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

- We In contrast to those who seek to be justified by the Law -
- Through the Spirit i.e., as revealed by the Spirit & confirmed by the Spirit, the gospel. (3:3,5; John 14:26; 16:7-13; 1 Cor 2:6-16; Eph 3:1-5)
- Hope of righteousness eagerly wait for everlasting life (2 Tim 4:8; Rom 8:24,25; Phili 3:9)
- **By faith** Fully trusting in the message of the gospel those who believe & obey the gospel (Gal. 3:26,27; James 2:14-26)

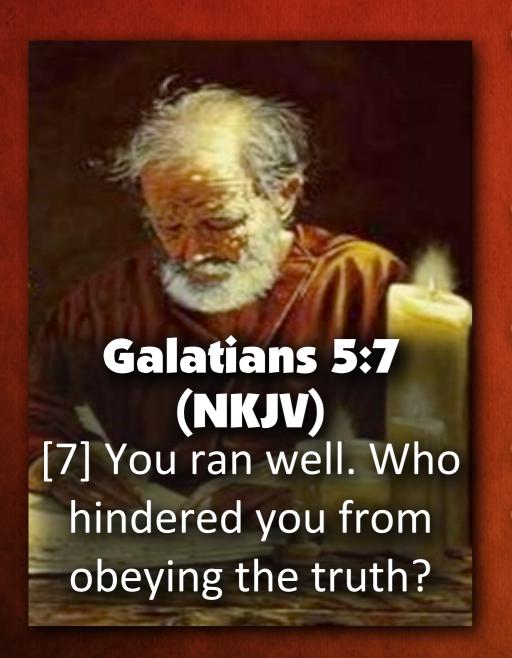
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- In Christ i.e., in fellowship with Christ, in His body. (3:26,27; Eph 1:3ff;)
- Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything Neither have any bearing on, or power over ones relationship with God (6:15; 1 Cor. 7:19; Rom 2:25-29)
- But faith, working through love necessary conditions trust obedience
 love (James 2:14-26; 1 Cor. 13:1-8; 1
 John 4:20-5:5; Rev. 2:1-7)

Some Had Ceased To Run Well:



- Becoming entangled again in the yoke of bondage (5:1; cf. 2 Peter 2:20-22)
- Christ profited them NOTHING! (5:2; Heb 3; 4; 10)
- Becoming estranged from Christ (5:4; John 15:1-6)
- Falling from Grace (5:4; 3:1-5)
- Disobedient to the truth (5:7, 3:1; 1 Cor. 10:6-12)

Gal. 5 Written To Saved People!

They ARE Free – & Encouraged to STAY Where They ARE - (5:1; 2:4)

They ARE In The Faith & Spirit (5:2,3; 3:2-5; Acts 15:5)

They ARE JOINED To Christ – (5:4; 3:26-29)

They ARE - In the Spirit

- In Hope - In Christ
(5:1,5-10; 3:3-5)

They Could Become:

Bound Again
Estranged from
Christ
LOST



- One can indeed be untangled and then entangled again in the yoke of bondage!
- For one to be so entangled AGAIN would mean that Christ would profit him / her NOTHING!
 - If one is indeed entangled again that person is estranged from Christ, (i.e. severed from Him with whom they had been joined)!
 - One can indeed fall from grace losing what they had previously enjoyed i.e. their salvation!

"For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith"

GALATIANS

Charter of Freedom

Galatians 3:26–29 (NKJV)

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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Hebrews 4:1-11 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. ² For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. 3 For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest,' " although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

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⁴ For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works"; 5 and again in this place: "They shall not enter My rest." ⁶ Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts."

Hebrews 4:1-11 (NKJV)

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. ⁹ There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. 11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.