

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Wednesday, December 15, 2021**

**Bible Study Series: Living by Faith – Galatians**

**Lesson 26. Christ has Freed Us – Gal. 5:2-6**

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Intro: Galatians chapter 5-6 give us a portrait of the Spirit-filled life, demonstrating the freedom and power that we have in the Holy Spirit to live a life of righteousness. In chapter 5, verses 2-6 find Paul giving us a warning about the false doctrine of works based righteousness, and in verses 7-12 he warns about false teachers.

- I. Works Righteousness – vs. 2-6
  - A. Circumcision – the outward sign of the inward reality of the need for regeneration – Deut. 30:6; Jer. 4:4; 9:24-26
  - B. Judaizers Taught it Earned Favor
  - C. The Church Answered the Error – Acts 15:1, 5
- II. Christ Profits You Nothing – vs. 2
  - A. Grace + Works = No Gospel
  - B. No Gospel = No Salvation or Saving Benefit
- III. You Must Keep the Whole Law – vs. 3
  - A. The Requirement of Perfect Righteousness – Matt. 5:48
  - B. One Law; All Law – James 2:10; Gal. 3:10; Deut. 27:26
- IV. Fallen from Grace – vs. 4
  - A. Justification without Faith alone rejects Grace – Rom. 4:4; 11:6
  - B. This is not Losing Salvation, it is Rejecting Grace – John 8:31; 15:4-9; Acts 11:23; 13:43; 14:21-22; Rom. 2:7; Heb. 2:1; 3:14; 4:14; 10:23; 1 John 2:19
- V. The Hope of Righteousness – vs. 5-6
  - A. Through the Spirit, by Faith
  - B. Or by Adding Worthless Works to Insufficient Grace
  - C. Faith Working through Love – love is the fulfillment of the law!

## Cross References

Deuteronomy 30:6

6 And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

Jeremiah 4:4

4 Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, And take away the foreskins of your hearts, You men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Lest My fury come forth like fire, And burn so that no one can quench it, Because of the evil of your doings.”

Jeremiah 9:24-26

24 But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the Lord. 25 “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “that I will punish all who are circumcised with the uncircumcised— 26 Egypt, Judah, Edom, the people of Ammon, Moab, and all who are in the farthest corners, who dwell in the wilderness. For all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.”

Acts 15:1

15 And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”

Acts 15:5

5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, “It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.”

Matthew 5:48

48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

James 2:10

10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

Galatians 3:10

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.”

Deuteronomy 27:26

26 ‘Cursed is the one who does not confirm all the words of this law by observing them.’“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’ ”

Romans 4:4

4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

Romans 11:6

6 And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

John 8:31

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

John 15:4-9

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. 9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

Acts 11:23

23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.

Acts 13:43

43 Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

Acts 14:21-22

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”

Romans 2:7

7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality;

Hebrews 2:1

2 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

Hebrews 3:14

14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,

Hebrews 4:14

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Hebrews 10:23

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

1 John 2:19

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.