

## Thinking Biblically

Galatians 5:1-4

Intro: Having shown from Biblical application that the OT Law has no control over whether one is saved or not, the Apostle Paul moves on to how the Galatian believers and all believers should live in light of the Grace of God. These are \_\_\_\_\_ derived through Thinking Biblically.

- I. Stand fast in the \_\_\_\_\_ we have in Christ Jesus **Vs 1**
- A. *Therefore*-based upon the Biblical conclusion that the restrictions or additions one tries to place on the believer through non-biblical teachings are to be \_\_\_\_\_ from the believer's life. Cf 4:28-31
- B. *Stand fast*-stand firm in; keep one's position and do not allow others to \_\_\_\_\_ them
- C. *In the liberty wherein Christ hath made us free*
1. *Liberty*-freeborn; literally, free to do as one \_\_\_\_\_
  2. The word is found 11 times in the NT and each place has the same meaning each time.
    - a. Rom 8:21 *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*  
(Sin places \_\_\_\_\_, God's Grace frees one from that bondage)
    - b. 1 Cor 10:29 *Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience?*  
(Our liberty in Christ should not become a \_\_\_\_\_ stumbling block for other spiritually weaker believers. Our liberty in Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ to be used as deliberately offensive behavior to others.)
    - c. 2 Cor 3:17 *Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.* (Where the Holy Spirit dwells-in the heart of believers-there is freedom to understand Biblical truth and thus to walk in it.)
    - d. Gal 2:4 (There are those who do not \_\_\_\_\_ the liberty which come with being a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ)
    - e. Gal 5:1 The purpose of Christ's sacrifice for us was to set us \_\_\_\_\_ from sin
    - f. Gal 5:13 The believer's liberty in Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ a license to commit sin
    - g. Jas 1:25 *But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.* (The Word of God guides the believer to \_\_\_\_\_ from sin's penalty, power and one day presence.)
    - h. Jas 2:12 *So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.* (Even though we have liberty in Christ, there is a law of \_\_\_\_\_ found in the Scriptures, and we as believers are to \_\_\_\_\_ by that "Law of Liberty")
    - i. 1 Pet 2:16 *As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.* (Our Christian liberty is \_\_\_\_\_ a license to sin or divide the brethren, nor is it a license to violate the \_\_\_\_\_ of man or God)
    - j. 2 Pet 2:19 *While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.* (False teachers and those who deliberately disobey God's Word are \_\_\_\_\_ to their own false teachings)
- D. *Be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage*
1. *Entangled*-to be held \_\_\_\_\_ or ensnared

- a. Mark 6:19 Therefore Herodias had a **quarrel** against him, and would have killed him; but she could not: (John, the Baptist)
  - b. Luke 11:52-54 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered. <sup>53</sup> And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to **urge** him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things: <sup>54</sup> Laying wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him.
2. Yoke of bondage-the yoke of trying to keep the OT Law and its rituals as a means of obtaining God's \_\_\_\_\_

II. To turn from the Lord Jesus Christ to another form of obtaining salvation makes that which Christ did of \_\_\_\_\_ effect to those who will follow such absurd thinking and practice **Vs 2-4**

A. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. **Vs 2**

1. Circumcision-these were \_\_\_\_\_ believers who had never practiced circumcision. Circumcision was given to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel as a mark of distinction by God when He raised up the nation out of nothing. To require the Gentile males to be circumcised, as a necessity for salvation, was nothing but corrupt \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Galatian believers had not become Christians by anything other than placing their faith in the finished work of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ they repented and confession of their sinfulness to God.
3. To now begin practicing the Jewish act of circumcision was to make the statement, by their actions, that Christ's sacrifice was \_\_\_\_\_ sufficient for salvation and thus make that which Christ did on the cross of \_\_\_\_\_ value to the Galatian believers.

B. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. **Vs 3**

1. It did not stop just with circumcision. To keep one part of the OT Law obligated them to keep \_\_\_\_\_ the OT Law.
2. Religious legalism always "entangles" the believer in "man-made rules" that have no end. The rules are meant to make the believer look good to God when Christ has \_\_\_\_\_ taken care of that on Calvary.

C. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. **Vs 4**

1. This is the bottom line to those who would add \_\_\_\_\_ to the Grace of God for salvation and service
2. To add anything to the Grace of God \_\_\_\_\_ what they are teaching and becomes error and falsehood.
3. Fallen from grace
  - a. God's unearned \_\_\_\_\_ which He freely bestows on whomever He chooses
  - b. One's salvation is a free gift to the \_\_\_\_\_ through the Grace of God
  - c. To add something to the Grace of God for salvation \_\_\_\_\_ the Grace of God and His favor and mercy which go with it

Concl: The Grace of God ceases to be the Grace of God the moment we \_\_\_\_\_ something to it! Grace is a very difficult thing for the sin-influenced mind to comprehend, and often we will \_\_\_\_\_ or pervert it unless we stick \_\_\_\_\_ with what the Scripture teaches. Thinking Biblically will help us understand the marvelous gift of Salvation by the Grace of God alone.