

Galatians 5 (Part 2) :5-12 Study Notes • Dangerous Persuasion

- What does the inclusion of the word “**hope**” say to us about our righteousness from verse 5?
- What other phrase in that verse tells us our righteous standing is still future? (Answer: “eagerly wait”)
- In light of verse 5, is it wrong to say, “I stand righteous before God”? (Answer: No, because BY FAITH, that status is already reckoned to us.)
- What does Paul mean in **verse 6** when he says that neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything?
- If circumcision doesn’t matter, what DOES matter? (Answer: FAITH)
- What would you say to someone who expressed concern over something as important as our eternal salvation resting on merely a person’s faith?
- In **verse 7** Paul speaks of legalism as disobeying God’s truth. How is it considered disobedience? (Have someone read John 6:28-29 out loud.)
- In **verse 8** Paul tells them that “this persuasion” doesn’t come from God. What other beliefs have you heard of that people have adopted that are nowhere revealed in the Bible?
- What other reasons might someone read something in the Bible and mistakenly apply it to Christianity? (Answer: They might read some command in the OT and assume it applies to Christians just like it did Jews.)
- How do we KNOW that Christians are not under the Law of Moses?
- In **verse 11** Paul reminded the Galatians that by preaching the Gospel he continually came under persecution from Jews. Why was that?
- Why is the Gospel offensive to people today? What is it about the cross that makes it offensive?
- Paul’s statement in **verse 12** may seem somewhat shocking. What do you think he meant?
- Why did Paul have a right to be upset over the intrusion of the Jewish Legalists?
- How should we feel about groups that add to the Gospel?
- How can we more effectively communicate that Jesus’ work on the cross is ENOUGH to save us?