

## GALATIANS 5:8-12

A. Galatians 5:8 - This persuasion *cometh* not of him that calleth you.

1. Paul tells the Galatians that for them to keep certain aspects of the law (circumcision, Sabbath-keeping, rituals, ordinances) is \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
  - \*| By this \_\_\_\_\_ing, we can see why it is wrong for one to follow the law and the Gospel
  - \*| \_\_\_\_\_ltaneously. Following the law is being dishonest to the Gospel of Grace!
2. Satan uses his \_\_\_\_\_, but at times he will also even use \_\_\_\_\_lievers to mislead other believers into false doctrine.
  - a. I Timothy 4:1, 3 - Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;  
I John 4:1, 3 - Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. I John 4:3 - And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.
  - b. We, believers, are up against everything Satan can throw at us! Satan does not just promote pornography and \_\_\_\_\_-life behavior, but also promotes the most beautiful things that our culture embraces, thinking it is wonderful. He will use anything he can to keep us \_\_\_\_\_ the truth and he never gives up.
    - \*It is a \_\_\_\_\_stant warfare, is it not?Galatians 5:7 - Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?  
I Thessalonians 2:18 - Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.  
Ephesians 6:16 - Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
  - c. New believers (many Galatians) usually want to do what the Bible says, so they are \_\_\_\_\_ily swayed. They have not learned that not all scriptural practices are dispensationally correct for us today!

B. Galatians 5:9 - A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

1. [leaven] Yeast has its nature to spread until the whole is affected.
  - \*Paul uses leaven five times in his epistles, and in each case it is in reference to \_\_\_\_\_. Here, as well as other places in scripture, the Bible uses the leaven as symbolic of \_\_\_\_\_ and contamination.
2. It is the same way with false teaching. If a \_\_\_\_\_tle is allowed, then it is not long that other false teaching is allowed in church. Before you know it, you cannot tell the difference between the church's teaching and the world's. Believers then have \_\_\_\_\_icuity between truth and error.
  - \*Jesus warned:  
Matthew 16:6, 12 - Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. Matt. 16:12 - Then understood they how that he bade *them* not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

3. Error is contagious, and soon becomes the focus of the ministry. It could be signs - gifts or supposedly \_\_\_\_\_ truth.
4. In our context, the Judaizers legalistic, wrong dispensational false teachings would \_\_\_\_\_ stop until they ruined the purity of the gospel.

Note: There are so many churches and organizations that once knew the joy and power of God; however, over time, they have \_\_\_\_\_ some of their foundational truth by permitting doctrinal error in. This has led to the loss of God's anointing.

\* | As Paul is saying, the only remedy is to purge \_\_\_\_\_ the leaven, the legalism, the error, the  
 \* | compromising, and the desire to be like the religious world.

C. Galatians 5:10 - I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

1. [I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded:]
  - a. Paul had not given up on the Galatians. He is still praying and believing that his God-given letter to them would \_\_\_\_\_ vict them to see the \_\_\_\_\_ gers of legalism. He hoped they would reject legalism, and turn \_\_\_\_\_ to grace, faith, truth, and life.
  - b. No doubt Paul \_\_\_\_\_ had confidence in God, His Word, and the Holy Spirit living in them, to lead them to truth. Paul knew things do not \_\_\_\_\_ ways turn out the way we prayed and hoped. If it did, it had to be \_\_\_\_\_ doing it.

(1) I Thessalonians 2:13 - For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

Romans 16:25a [Now to Him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel,]

(2) But \_\_\_\_\_ times:

II Timothy 1:15 - This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

2. [but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.]
  - a. The ones troubling the Galatians were the Judaizers who legalistically were \_\_\_\_\_ verting the grace gospel.  
  
Galatians 1: 7 - Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.  
  
\*Paul said, "let them be accursed!"
  - b. Paul is saying, "Whoever they are that \_\_\_\_\_ fuse your faith through \_\_\_\_\_ or shall receive punishment. God is no respecter of persons in this matter, and His judgment is sure. If they are lost, at the White Throne Judgment they will absolutely be judged (if not before). If they are saved, they will stand before the Bema Seat of Christ and have to \_\_\_\_\_ wer for their false teachings (if not before)."

\*Les Feldick said, and I agree, that preachers and theologians will have the \_\_\_\_\_ test questioning for misleading the people!

c. Our application is that whoever picks up the Bible to teach, they are accepting a tremendous \_\_\_\_\_ sponibility.

\*I never take it \_\_\_\_\_ tly, knowing I have to answer to God. I try to interpret scriptures the best I can (not perfect, but love covers, so pray for me). The last thing I want to do is to mislead someone. I am grateful to God for His grace when I have been wrong about something. He gives me the opportunity to correct it and move on, helping me to \_\_\_\_\_ ure. I know I am to stand on truth, and that is not always received well by \_\_\_\_\_ .

\*But: Galatians 1:10 - For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

D. Galatians 5:11 - And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased.

1. [And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution?]

\*Notice what Paul was often up against:

Acts 15:1, 5 - And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, *and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved. Acts 15:5 - But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.*

\*Notice, these Judaizers (\_\_\_\_\_ believers) had come down from the Jerusalem Church without any authority. They were followers of the 12 who concluded:

Acts 15:10 - Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

2. Paul suffered persecution for the simple reason that he \_\_\_\_\_ fused to preach circumcision and law-keeping. If Paul would have preached what the Judaizers did, he would have had many open-receiving doors (for awhile). If he would have yielded to their pressure, it would have been clear sailing.

a. \*I have had many say, "Pastor Jim, just baptize, or have signs, or just have no music!"

b. These legalistic Judaizers knew Paul preached about Christ. They knew he preached the word, and that was fine with them. What bothered them most was that he was \_\_\_\_\_ st their circumcision and rituals. Why? Remember?

Acts 20:20-21, 27-31 - *And* how I kept back nothing that was profitable *unto you*, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, Acts 20:21 - Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 20:27 - For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Acts 20:28 - Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. Acts 20:29 - For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Acts 20:30 - Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Acts 20:31 - Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

Galatians 2:11, 14 - But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. Gal. 2:14 - But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before *them* all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

Acts 23:12 - And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

3. [then is the offence of the cross ceased.]

a. Preaching their message would remove the cross from being an \_\_\_\_\_ence (or scandal).

I Corinthians 1:23 - But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

b. Remember this truth: The preaching of the cross is \_\_\_\_\_ offensive to the religious crowd. This is because the cross removes all \_\_\_\_\_ merit from the equation of salvation!

\*The fact that the cross, not the law, is the basis for forgiveness of sins and righteousness before God, was a \_\_\_\_\_dal - an affront to the law-keeping Jews.

Colossians 2:14 - Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

c. The cross was scandalous to the Jew because it shows that they had crucified their \_\_\_\_\_ Messiah.

d. It was scandalous to the \_\_\_\_\_ because it seemed too \_\_\_\_\_ple for one to be saved only by faith in Christ's finished work.

I Corinthians 1:17-18 - For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. I Cor. 1:18 - For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Romans 1:16-17 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Rom. 1:17 - For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Romans 3:24-26 - Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Rom. 3:25 - Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; Rom. 3:26 - To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

E. Galatians 5:12 - I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

1. Paul suggests that it would even please him (if the Judaizer legalists continued) if those who had confused or misled the Galatians, that faith alone was not enough, were \_\_\_\_\_en from them.

\*Paul says, "They have taken you from Christ, grace, faith, the cross, to self-righteousness, human merit of law-keeping. Let them be \_\_\_\_\_!"

2. [cut off] If the Judaizers think that a little ting does something good, then why don't they try cutting off a \_\_\_\_\_ and see how much good that does?

\*Paul is telling the Galatians that circumcision had become just another heathen, \_\_\_\_\_ - mutilating - cutting ritual.

Titus 1:10-11 - For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Titus 1:11- Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.