

Galatians

Chapter 5:1-6

- I. **Galatians 5:1** ¹Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.
- a. Stand fast
- I. **This expression is used multiple times by Paul. The idea is to be stationary...unmoving. It also involves perseverance. Let's look at the other times that the phrase is used.**
1. **I Corinthians 16:13**¹³ Watch ye, **stand fast** in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.
 2. **Philippians 1:27**²⁷ Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye **stand fast** in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;
 3. **Philippians 4:1**¹ Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so **stand fast** in the Lord, *my* dearly beloved.
 4. **I Thessalonians 3:8**⁸ For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.
 5. **II Thessalonians 2:15**¹⁵ Therefore, brethren, **stand fast**, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.
- II. **A similar idea is listed repetitively in Ephesians 6 regarding spiritual warfare.**
1. **Ephesians 6:11-13**¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we wrestle not against

flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. ¹³Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

III. The Gospel

1. **I Corinthians 15:1** ¹Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

IV. The point is to stand instead of falling. This takes preparation.

1. **I Corinthians 10:12** ¹²Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.
2. **Proverbs 22:3** ³A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.
3. **Ephesians 5:15-17** ¹⁵See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, ¹⁶Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

V. Paul coming down the homestretch of this letter.

These areas are all great things to “stand fast” in, but have you considered why liberty is something we should stand fast in. Later in the chapter, they are warned to not abuse their liberty in a similar manner of grace in Romans 6.

1. **Galatians 2:4** ⁴And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy

out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

2. II Corinthians 3:17 ¹⁷Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.

b. Entangled again

I. **Entangled again- Greek word *enecho*** - Strongs Con. from G1722 and G2192; to hold in or upon, i.e. ensnare; by implication, to keep a grudge:—entangle with, have a quarrel against, urge.

1. The other two times *enecho* is used in scripture.

a. **Mark 6:19** ¹⁹Therefore Herodias **had a quarrel** against him, and would have killed him; but she could not:

b. **Luke 11:53** ⁵³And 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:

i. This word has been used to show the contrast to liberty.

c. Yoke of bondage

I. **Christ has made us free. He is the source of our liberty. The law is a bondage that entangles and keeps one under a yoke.**

1. **Matthew 11:28-30** ²⁸Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. ³⁰For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

II. **Although, the word bondage is used in a lot of different examples to describe people being under the yoke of something else, in Galatians it's used directly or indirectly in reference to the law and really boils down to circumcision.**

1. **Acts 15:1** ¹And 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.
2. **Acts 15:10** ¹⁰Now 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?
3. **Galatians 2:4** ⁴And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:
4. **Galatians 4:3** ³Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:
5. **Galatians 4:9** ⁹But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?
6. **Galatians 4:24-25** ²⁴Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. ²⁵For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

II. **Galatians 5:2-3** ²Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. ³For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

a. Circumcised

I. **Christ shall profit you nothing**

1. **Galatians 2:7** ⁷But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as *the gospel* of the circumcision *was* unto Peter;

2. **Romans 4:11** ¹¹And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which *he had yet* being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:
3. **Colossians 2:11-12** ¹¹In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: ¹²Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

II. Debtor to do the whole law

1. This reminder has already been mentioned in Galatians.

- a. **Galatians 3:10** ¹⁰For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.
- b. **Romans 2:25-29** ²⁵For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision. ²⁶Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? ²⁷And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law? ²⁸For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: ²⁹But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is*

that of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

c. **James 2:10** ¹⁰For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

III. **Galatians 5:4**⁴Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

a. No effect

I. **Gives the idea of useless or inoperative. We can't be justified by the law.**

1. **Galatians 2:16**¹⁶Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

2. **Romans 3:26-28** ²⁶To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. ²⁷Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. ²⁸Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

3. **Romans 4:5** ⁵But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

4. **Ephesians 2:8-9** ⁸For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: ⁹Not of works, lest any man should boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

b. Fallen from grace

I. **We are not Israel operating under the Kingdom program. This verse is not about a catch phrase. We can see systematically what is taught about our salvation, instead of one verse that sounds a lot like a Hebrews 10 situation which is not for us.**

1. Remember...

- a. **Romans 5:2** ²By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
- b. **Ephesians 1:13** ¹³In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.
- c. **Romans 8:37-39** ³⁷Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. ³⁸For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- d. **Romans 8:1** ¹*There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- e. **Ephesians 1:7** ⁷In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

- f. **Colossians 2:13** ¹³And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;
- g. **II Corinthians 5:21** ²¹For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
- h. **I Corinthians 12:13** ¹³For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

IV. **Galatians 5:5-6** ⁵For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. ⁶For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

a. Through the spirit wait for hope

- I. **Colossians 1:27** ²⁷To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:
- II. **Romans 15:13** ¹³Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

b. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision

- I. **Galatians 3:28** ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
- II. **Colossians 3:11** ¹¹Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.

c. Faith worketh by love

- I. **II Corinthians 5:14** ¹⁴For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

- II. **Romans 13:8** ⁸Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.
- III. **I Corinthians 13:13** ¹³And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.
- IV. **Galatians 5:14** ¹⁴For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- V. **Romans 12:9-10** ⁹Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. ¹⁰Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;