

How to Stand and How Not To Kneel

Galatians 5:1-12 / September 17, 2022

Introduction: Application Argument

4:28-31

Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.

- **Expect Persecution**

But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now.

- **Faith in Jesus Will Inherit Heaven (New Jerusalem)**

But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.”

- **Live in Freedom in Christ**

So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. (5:1)

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Transition

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2. do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. (5:1)

Do Not Submit to the False Believers—Works of the Law (5:2-4)

- **They Devalue Christ**

Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you.

- **They Are Obligated to Obey the Entire Law**

I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law.

- **They Have Fallen from the Grace of Jesus**

You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

Stand With the True Believers—Faith in Christ (5:5-7)

- **They Wait for Christ's Promise**

For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

- **They Live by Faith in Christ**

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

Do Not Submit to the False Teachers—Works of the Law (5:7-12)

- **They Hinder Living by Faith in Christ**
You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?
- **They Preach a Message Inconsistent with Faith in Christ**
This persuasion is not from him who calls you. A little leaven leavens the whole lump.
- **They Are Under the Penalty of God**
I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is.

Stand With the True Teachers—Faith in Christ (5:11-12)

- **They Are Persecuted**
But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted?
- **They Preach the Cross of Christ**
In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!