

Scripture Consulting Essentials

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Galatians 5:1-6:18

A Working Translation from *A Journey through the Acts and Epistles*

Galatians 5:

¹ Christ freed us with freedom. Therefore, stand fast and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

² Behold, I, Paul, say to you that if you would become circumcised, *then* Christ will profit you nothing.

³ I testify again to every person who becomes circumcised that he is obliged to do the whole law.

⁴ You who *seek to* be justified by law have been made inactive from Christ. You have drifted away from the grace.

⁵ Moreover, we through the spirit patiently wait for the hope of justice by believing,

⁶ for in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any force, but believing energized by love.

⁷ You were running well. Who hindered you so that you did not obey the truth?

⁸ This persuasion *is* not from Him Who called you.

⁹ A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough.

¹⁰ I have confidence in the Lord regarding you that you will not think otherwise, and he who agitates you will bear his judgment, whoever he may be.

¹¹ Brothers, if *it is understood that* I am still heralding circumcision (*so why am I still being persecuted?*), then the stumbling block of the cross has been made inactive.

¹² If only those who disturb you up would emasculate themselves!

¹³ Certainly you were called to freedom, brothers. Only *do not use* the freedom for an opportunity of the flesh, but rather by love serve one another.

¹⁴ In fact, the whole law has been fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: Leviticus 19:18: **“You will love your neighbor as yourself.”**

¹⁵ However, if you bite and devour one another, watch that you be not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Now I say, walk by means of the spirit, and you will in no way carry out the craving of the flesh.

¹⁷ In fact, the flesh craves against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh, for these *things* are opposed to each other with the result that you do not do what you desire *to do*.

¹⁸ However, if you are being led by means of the spirit, *then* you are not under the law.

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are fornication, uncleanness, unbridled lust,

²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, strife, jealousy, hot tempers, factious strifes, divisions, sects,

²¹ envy, {+ murders} drunkenness, carousing, and such *things* like these. I say to you ahead of time, even as I said previously, that they who practice such *things* will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² However, the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, believing,

²³ meekness, self-control. Against such *things* there is no law.

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ have *already* crucified the flesh with the sufferings and the cravings.

²⁵ Since we are alive by means of the spirit, *then* by means of the spirit let us also walk with orderly conduct.

²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Galatians 6:

¹ Brothers, even if a person is overtaken by some trespass, *then* you *who are* spiritual, restore such *a person* in a spirit of meekness, keeping a watchful eye on yourself so that you also are not tempted.

² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

³ Certainly, if anyone seems to be something *of reputation* when he is nothing, *then* he deceives himself.

⁴ Let each prove his own work, and then will he have [*grounds for*] boasting in himself alone and not in someone else.

⁵ In fact, each will bear his own load.

⁶ Let him who is being instructed in the Word [*of God*] share with him who instructs *him* in all good *things*.

⁷ Do not be misled. God is not *to be* sneered at. In fact, whatever a person sows, that will he also harvest,

⁸ for he who sows to his own flesh will harvest corruption from the flesh, but he who sows to the spirit will harvest eternal life from the Spirit.

⁹ Let us not be discouraged as we do the good, for in due season we shall harvest, *provided* we do not become exhausted.

¹⁰ Therefore, as we have the season, let us work the good toward all, especially toward *those who are* of the household of the [*right way of*] believing.

¹¹ *Look at how large the letters are with which I am writing to you by my own hand.*

¹² As many as desire to make an impressionable show in the flesh, they compel you to be circumcised, only to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ.

¹³ In fact, those who are circumcised do not even keep the law themselves, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast in the flesh that belongs to you.

¹⁴ Be it far from me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

¹⁵ Furthermore, {+ in Christ Jesus} neither is circumcision anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creation,

¹⁶ and as many as will walk with orderly conduct by this standard [*measuring rod*], peace and mercy *be* upon them, even upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ Hereafter, let no one cause me *such* hard labor, for I am bearing the brands of Jesus in my body.

¹⁸ *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.*