

ἡμεῖς οὖν οὕτως ἀρχόμεθα
πρὸς ἑαυτοὺς καὶ δημοστέρως

GALATIANS

ἀφίσαυ
τὸς αὐτὸς

καὶ πησῶσιν
ταῦτα τῶν

**Let The Gospel
Work!**

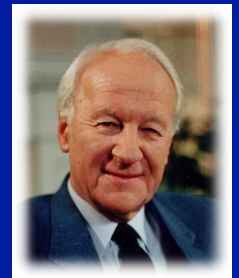
καὶ οὕτως
πρὸς ἑαυτοὺς

For freedom Christ has set us free;
stand firm therefore, and do not
submit again to a yoke of slavery.
Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you
accept circumcision, Christ will be of
no advantage to you. I testify again to
every man who accepts circumcision
that he is obligated to keep the whole
law. You are severed from Christ, you
who would be justified by the law;
you have fallen away from grace. For

through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.
– Galatians 5:1-6

Our former state is portrayed as slavery, Jesus Christ as a liberator, conversion as an act of emancipation and the Christian life as a life of freedom.

– John Stott



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

I do not nullify the grace of God, for
if righteousness were through the
law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Galatians 2:21

But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

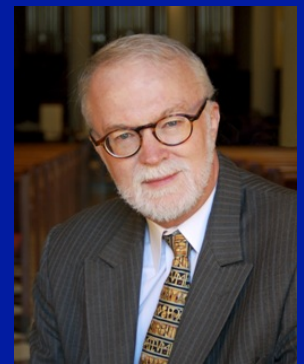
Romans 11:6

I am the Lord; that is my name; my
glory I give to no other, nor my praise
to carved idols.

Isaiah 42:8

For Paul, Jesus Christ was all or nothing. If you reject him now, he warned the Galatians, then he will be (future tense) of no use to you at all on the Day of Judgment.

- Timothy George



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

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them."

Galatians 3:10-11

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

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and **no one will snatch them** out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and **no one is able to snatch them** out of the Father's hand.
– John 10:27-29

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were **sealed** with the promised Holy Spirit.
– Ephesians 1:13

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor **anything else** in all creation, will be able to **separate us** from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

– Romans 8:38-39

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

1 John 2:19

For we **have come** to share in
Christ, if indeed we **hold** our original
confidence **firm to the end.**

– Hebrews 3:14

For just as someone on a ship is drowned regardless of the part of the ship from which he falls into the sea, so someone who falls away from grace cannot help perishing. The desire to be justified by the law, therefore, is shipwreck; it is exposure to the surest peril of eternal death.

– Martin Luther



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

Rather, the “last day” verdict differs from what God pronounces in history in that on the last day God’s verdict is announced before the whole world. Believers are already righteous before God by virtue of their union with Christ Jesus. Still, their righteousness is hidden from the world and will only be unveiled on the last day.

– Thomas Schreiner



For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and **be found in him**, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

Philippians 3:8-9

This is a very pleasant comfort for minds afflicted with a sense of sin and afraid of every flaming dart of the devil ... your righteousness is not visible, and it is not conscious; but it is hoped for as something to be revealed in due time. Therefore you must not judge on the basis of your consciousness of sin, which terrifies and troubles you, but on the basis of the promise and teaching of faith, by which Christ is promised to you as your perfect and eternal righteousness.

– Martin Luther



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circumcision nor uncircumcision
counts for anything, but only **faith**
working through love.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:8-10

In respect to salvation, grace stands opposed to works. However, in respect to our daily Christian lives, grace is the source of works. This simply means that whereas we are saved by grace and not of works, we are saved by grace unto good works. Good works are the fruit, not the root, of God's saving grace.

– Sam Storms

