

“Galatians 5:1-26” – sermon 1,2 & 3

All Scripture is KJV: Galatians 5:1-26

INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY?

Today we continue with the preaching series on the **Book of Galatians 5**.

Galatians addresses the following.

Paul refutes and exposes the false way of salvation. He exposes the Jews for their lies and rebukes them for trying to get Christians to return to the way of the mosaic & moral laws which was never able to save.

- **In the 6 Chapters of Galatians, 3 themes of rebuke run through each and every chapter.**
 1. False- Works based salvation - Salvation is by faith alone.
 2. Exposes the Jews for their lies about the law saving. Jews, trying to get Christians to follow Jewish customs, feasts days, circumcision for salvation.
 3. And people trying to please people rather than pleasing God.

- Galatians is a letter of stern rebuke, to anyone who thinks that by reentering into Judaic laws or customs that they can somehow make themselves more spiritual, and turn them into a Christian believer.
- There is no such thing as a Christian Jew, or a Jewish Christian. You are either a Jew or a Christian. Because each one of them is a religion and an ideology.

In Mark 7 we see Jesus scolding and rebuking the Jews even to a greater degree.

[Mark 7:8](#) For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the **tradition** of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. (9) And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own **tradition.** (13) Making the word of God of none effect through your **tradition**, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

- ❖ So according to Jesus they knew full well that they were rejecting God.

[Matthew 15:9](#) But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

1. Then you read in Acts 15:1 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.**

1. Well Jesus as well as Paul calls the Jews liars. Because they do not have Abraham as their father. (John 8:42)
2. And if they did have Abraham as their father then they would be saved in Jesus Christ. Because that is what the scripture teaches.
3. The Jews do not believe in Jesus at all.

Genesis 12:2-3 King James Version (KJV)

² And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³ And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Romans 4:12-18 King James Version (KJV)

¹² And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised. ¹³ For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁴ For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:

¹⁶ Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all.

¹⁷ (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

¹⁸ Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

✚ And so again.....

Romans 9:7 Neither, because they are the **seed** of Abraham, are they all children: **but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.**

Romans 9:8

That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

✚ Again more verses proving Gods chosen are in Christ. Not the unbelieving Jews.

Galatians 3:16

Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

Galatians 3:19

Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

Galatians 3:29

And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

✚ Again this verse proves that if you are Christ's.....then are you Abrahams seed.

Hebrews 2:16-17 (KJV) – Jesus takes on the seed of Abraham

¹⁶ For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; **but he took on him the seed of Abraham.** ¹⁷ Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a **merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.**

- ✓ Firstly to understand the Book of Galatians we should have a good knowledge also of the OT; without which we would not be able to interpret the NT correctly.
- Galatians 5 today: So what is Galatians 5 going to tell us?

Lets break down these verses into manageable sections of scripture to try and understand what the rebuke was all about.

- ✚ Let's take a look for ourselves. (Genesis 12:1-3 ff and Genesis 22:17ff.)
- ✚ To understand this scripture let's look at the OT in Genesis 12:1-3 and also Genesis 22:17-18.

Genesis 12 King James Version (KJV)

¹ Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: **² And I will make of thee a great nation,** and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: **³ And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**

Genesis 22:17-18 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁷ That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; **¹⁸ And in thy seed (which is Jesus) shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.**

1. So according to God in these verses in Genesis **who is God going to bless?**
2. He is going to bless **"all families of the earth?"** Not the Jews – **right or wrong?**
3. He is going to bless **"all the nations of the earth?"** Not the Jews **right or wrong?**
4. Because how can all nations or all families of the earth be talking about the Jews?
5. Not only that, we have the NT to clarify this for us again.

- ✚ The greatest commentary to the bible is the bible itself, please remember also that the NT has priority over the OT revelation. Especially when you see Jesus or the Apostles teaching the revelation.
- ✚ So let's look at the balance of the scriptures in Galatians 5 to understand Genesis 12 and 22.

Galatians 3:6-10

⁶ Even as **Abraham believed God,** and it was **accounted to him for righteousness.**

Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.⁸ And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

⁹ So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

¹⁰ For 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.

Galatians 3:11-14 continued.....

¹¹ But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.¹² And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

1. Those that try and live by the law cannot and will not ever be saved.
2. The Jews cannot be saved by the law either.
3. For by the Law can no flesh be saved. (Galatians 2:16) also (Romans 3:20ff)

¹³ Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:¹⁴ That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise (which is eternal life) of the Spirit through faith.

1. The Jews are NOT the children of God, or the children of the promise as the bible puts it.
2. No, the children of the promise are those that believe in Jesus.
3. The children of Abraham, are not the Jews, the children of Abraham are those that believe in Jesus.

Galatians 3:16-26

- ✚ Now that he has used an example of a covenant Paul goes onto to give us that real covenant confirmation in Galatians 3:16. Let's check it out.....

¹⁶ Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.¹⁷ And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. (Gen 12 & Gen 22)

¹⁸ For if the inheritance (eternal life in Jesus) be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

¹⁹ Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed (which is Jesus) should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.²⁰ Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.

²¹ Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: **for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.**

²² **But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.**

²³ **But before faith (which is Jesus) came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed (which was Jesus).**

²⁴ **Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster (past tense) to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But after that faith is come (was is Jesus), we are no longer under a schoolmaster. (The law)**

²⁶ **For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.**

²⁷ For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ **There 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.**

²⁹ **And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

1. To understand who Abrahams seed is, Galatians 3:16-29 clearly demonstrates that to us.
2. It is very clear from these scriptures that Abraham's seed is **ONLY** those that believe in Jesus Christ.
3. **The Jews are not Abraham's seed spiritually**, even though they are physical decedents of Abraham by flesh. Jesus acknowledged their physical descent but not their spiritual.
4. Paul also acknowledged the children of the flesh as the children of Ishmael, and Paul also acknowledged the children of the spirit (saved) as the children of Isaac.

John 8:37 **I know that ye are Abraham's seed (of Ishmael);** but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

John 8:39 They answered and said unto him, **Abraham** is our father. **Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.** (of the spirit)

John 8:44 ⁴⁴ **Ye are of your father the devil,** and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

5. So to confirm what Genesis 12 and Genesis 22 is talking about is spoken of here in Galatians 3:29.

The unbelieving Jews are not Gods people. They are unbelievers, just like every other person who is not a believer.

- ✚ Why would the Jews be Gods people if they are Christ rejecting Jews?

Matthew 21:42-46 – taken and given to another people.

⁴² Jesus saith unto them, **Did ye never read in the scriptures,** The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? ⁴³ Therefore say I unto you, **The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.**

- **Here are some highlights of Galatians Chapter 4.**

⁹ But 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?

¹⁰ Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

¹¹ I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

¹⁴ And my temptation (*persuasion, attraction, or appeal*) which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; **but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.**

¹⁵ Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, **that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.**

¹⁶ Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

¹⁹ My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.

1. Paul addresses the church at Galatia as “My little children”, because he realizes that they have not “grown spiritually”.
2. The words “Christ be formed in you” is in reference to a pending salvation in Christ.

²⁰ I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.

1. Paul was doubtful that these people were even saved?
2. He said “**I stand in doubt of you**”?

²¹ Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

1. Paul asked them to answer this question that he was going to ask of them?
2. **ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?**
3. Then Paul goes on to explain the OT scriptures concerning the law which is found in Genesis 16 & Genesis 17, and Genesis 21:9-12, and Genesis 22:17-18.

²² **For it is written**, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. ²³ **But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.**

²⁴ **Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants;** the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

An allegory's meaning:

1. It is a symbolic representation of something.

²⁵ **For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia**, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. *(not saved)*

²⁶ **But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.**

²⁷ **For it is written**, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not *(no spiritual birth in Jesus)*: **for the desolate** *(the unsaved – not spiritual, not of Isaac)* **hath many more children than she which hath an husband.**

- It's what Jesus said in Matthew 7, about there are many which are "desolate".

Matthew 7:13-14

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and **many there be which go in thereat**: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few there be that find it**.

- Here is that reference in Genesis 21:9 to that allegory mentioned.

Genesis 21:9-12 (KJV)

⁹ And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking. ¹⁰ **Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.** ¹¹ And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son. ¹² And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; **for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.**

1. So Gods calling of his people would be a spiritually calling in Isaac.
 2. The children of the flesh would be those who would not call upon the Lord Jesus for salvation. These unbelievers would be known as the children of the flesh who would be the physical fleshly descendents of Abraham but they would not be the children of God. They would be known as the children of Ishmael.
 3. The bondwoman's child (Ishmael) would not be the heir to Abraham's spiritual seed..
 4. The freewoman's child would be the heir to Abraham spiritual seed.
- Just as the scriptures said that "in Isaac shall thy seed be called".

Genesis 17:19

And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name **Isaac; and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.**

Genesis 21:12

And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; **for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.**

Romans 9:7

Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, **In Isaac shall thy seed be called.**

Hebrews 11:18

Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

✚ **Now as we finish in Galatians 4.....verse.....28**

²⁸ Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

²⁹ But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. ³⁰ Nevertheless what saith the scripture? **Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. ³¹ So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.**

- ✚ Believers are the children of God.
- ✚ Believers are the son of God.
- ✚ Believers are those that are of the promise of Isaac.
- ✚ Believers are those that are in Christ.
- ✚ Believers are those that are of the freewoman.
- ✚ Believers are those that are of the seed of Christ.

Close in Prayer.....

“Galatians 5:1-26” – sermon 1

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1. So by the time we get to **Galatians 5** the stage has already been set as to who are Gods people.
2. The foundation has already been laid in chapters 1-4 as to who is the saved of God, who are known as the elect of God all through the NT.

Romans 8:32-34 (KJV)

³² He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? ³³ **Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.** ³⁴ Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

- This is talking about us as Christians not to the Jews. **So the Christians are the elect.**
- 3. The stage has already been set as to how you get saved, and how you become the children of God.
- 4. The stage has already been set as to how you achieve salvation.
- 5. The stage has already been set as to neither is there salvation in other, or any other gospel.
- 6. The only gospel that has the power to save is the gospel of Jesus.
- ✓ The other gospels that these unbelieving Jews were trying to bring in was that of circumcision to get you theoretically saved.

Also these people were trying to use a works based method to somehow achieve salvation by their “good deeds or by observing the law”.

- So by the time we get to **Chapter 5** the foundation has already been laid, and anyone who tried to use the law or righteous works to get saved was rebuked by Paul.
- So by the time we get to Galatians 5 we see these false teaching appear in the churches of Galatia, and Paul is laying it on thick as he is rebukes them.

Galatians 5 (KJV)

¹ Stand fast therefore in the **liberty** wherewith **Christ hath made us free**, and be not entangled again with the **yoke of bondage**.

1. Paul uses the words liberty and bondage to clearly explain the circumstances that they had got themselves into.
2. “You could either be in prison again” or “you could be set free” was the comparison he used.
- 3.

² Behold, I Paul say unto you, **that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.**

1. This was in answer to question and statements that were previously made by the unbelieving Jews, who had infiltrated the church with their “Hebrew” roots movement, doctrine and had persuaded the church that in order to get saved you “still had to be circumcised”.

Acts 15:1 (KJV)

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.**

1. Listen, these people the Jews did not even believe in Moses, so why are they even using this as an excuse to subvert the Christians into thinking that they need to be circumcised and keep the law to be saved?
2. I will tell you why? **Because Judaism is a wicked religion that’s why.** It is of the devil and tries to diminish every word that Jesus spoke against them.

John 5:45-47 (KJV) ⁴⁵ Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. **For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me;** for he wrote of me. ⁴⁷ But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

Acts 15:23-25 (KJV)

²³ And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia. ²⁴ **Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:**

- These people were “subverting the souls” of the people who were wanting to believe in Jesus. They were “undermining” the gospel message that Paul had been preaching, and leading the people away from the truth and away from Jesus, and away from salvation.
- That is why Jesus called the Jews of the synagogue of Satan.

Revelation 2:9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy **of** them which say they are Jews, and are not, but **are the synagogue of Satan.**

Revelation 3:9 Behold, I will make **them of the synagogue of Satan,** which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

- And that is why Jesus said to them you are of your father the devil.

John 8:44

Ye are of your father the devil, and the **lusts of your father ye will do**. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

1. The Jews always persecuted the Christians.
 2. When you ask people who do they think persecuted the Christians? They will invariably say that it was the Romans.
 3. But when you read the scriptures in the NT you never see once that the Romans are persecuting the Christians.
 4. In fact what you will read from Acts 1 to Acts 28, you will read that it is the Jews who were persecuting the Christians.
 5. They were forbidding the Apostles to preach to the Gentiles to get saved, and they even rent Pauls clothes off him and beat him and cast him in prison because he was preaching the gospel of Jesus.
 6. But yet do you find at the end of Acts 28. You find Paul under house arrest by the Romans to be under their protection from the Jews. Where he is free to Preach and receive guests and preach the gospel.
 7. So how is it that people will teach that it was the Romans who persecuted the Christians and that the Jews did no such bad things to the Christians.
 8. Yet the Jews are ones who are always pleading persecution by the Christians. And they display their case of people being antiemetic towards them?
 9. But who is the real victims according to the Bible – The real victims are the Christians.
- And according to scripture which supports what Jesus also said; that the wrath of God has come upon them to the uttermost. Meaning ultimately forever.

1 Thessalonians 2:16

Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins away: **for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.**

Back to Galatians 5:3.....

³ For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

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

1. This verse does not mean what people are making it out to mean.
2. This verse does not mean that you can lose your salvation.
3. **Firstly:** do you know anyone who was justified by the law?
 - a. No one can or ever was justified by the law.
 - b. No one can be saved by the law.

- c. Therefore this verse cannot mean that you have somehow fallen from being saved by the law to somehow have fallen from being saved, to have now have fallen from grace?
- d. No, what this verse is saying is that; from mans perspective, you somehow thought that you were saved because you kept the law?
- e. **No.:** What this verse is saying is that “Christ is become of no effect unto you” because you thought” – Not that God thought, but that you thought that you could be justified by the law.
- f. **So according to Paul: if you think that you could be justified by the law, then you have fallen from Grace, because then “Christ is become no effect unto you.**
- g. This verse does not mean that somehow you can fall from being saved to being unsaved. Because if that were the case it would go against all the other scriptures which teach that you cannot lose your salvation.
 - 1. **John 3:15** That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, **but have eternal life.**
 - 2. **John 3:18** ¹⁸ **He that believeth on him is not condemned:** but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
 - 3. **Acts 13:48** ⁴⁸ And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were **ordained to eternal life believed.**
 - 4. **John 5:38-40** ³⁸ And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. ³⁹ Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: **and they are they which testify of me.** ⁴⁰ And ye will not come to me, **that ye might have life.**
 - 5. **John 6:54** ⁵⁴ Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, **hath eternal life;** and I will raise him up at the last day.
 - 6. **John 10:27-29** ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: ²⁸ **And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.** ²⁹ My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.
 - 7. **John 17:3** And this is **life eternal,** that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
 - 8. **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is **eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord.

⁵ For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

- 1. What is that hope of righteousness?
- 2. It is that when Jesus returns which is defined in the scriptures as Matthew 24:29 then all those who are in Christ will be raptured or caught up to be with him, and all those who died previously in Christ, will God bring with him when he returns.
- 3. The hope of righteousness is our salvation.
- 4. It is at the time when we will get a new body which will not be able to sin evermore.
- 5. We through the Spirit, defines those who have been “sealed” unto the day of redemption. The day when Jesus will return with and for his elect.

⁶ For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

1. It is this faith of believing that Jesus is the Christ, and that he alone can save you, which is the hope of righteousness by faith. (verse 5).
2. Circumcision or uncircumcision has nothing to do with salvation.
3. You see – if you don't love God, then your faith will not be real.

CLOSE IN PRAYER.....

Hosea 13:14

[KJV](#)

I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

[NKJV](#)

“I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction! Pity is hidden from My eyes.”

Genesis 6:6

[KJV](#)

And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

[NKJV](#)

And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

Genesis 6:7

[NKJV](#)

So the Lord said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.”

[KJV](#)

And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

Exodus 13:17

[KJV](#)

And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:

[NKJV](#)

Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them *by* way of the land of the Philistines, although that *was* near; for God said, “Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.”

Exodus 32:14

[KJV](#)

And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

[NKJV](#)

So the Lord relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people.

Deuteronomy 32:36

[KJV](#)

For the Lord shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.

[NKJV](#)

“For the Lord will judge His people And have compassion on His servants, When He sees that *their* power is gone, And *there is* no one *remaining*, bond or free.

Judges 2:18

[KJV](#)

And when the Lord raised them up judges, then the Lord was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the Lord because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

[NKJV](#)

And when the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the Lord was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them.

1 Samuel 15:11

[KJV](#)

It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the Lord all night.

[NKJV](#)

“I greatly regret that I have set up Saul *as* king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments.” And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the Lord all night.

Psalms 110:4

[KJV](#)

The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

[NKJV](#)

The Lord has sworn And will not relent, “You *are* a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.”

Jeremiah 18:8

[KJV](#)

If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

[NKJV](#) if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it.