

# Galatians - KJV

## Circumcision not required for Salvation

### Greetings and Grace

**Gal 1:1** Paul, an apostle,  
(not of men, neither by man,  
but by **Jesus Christ**,  
and **God the Father**, who raised him from the dead;)

**Gal 1:2** And all the brethren which are with me,  
unto **the churches of Galatia**:

**Gal 1:3** **Grace** be to you and **peace** from **God the Father**,  
and from **our Lord Jesus Christ**,

- **Gal 1:4** Who gave himself for our sins,  
• that he might deliver us from this present evil world,  
according to the will of **God** and our **Father**:

**Gal 1:5** To whom **be glory** for ever and ever. Amen.

### Whoever perverts the Gospel let him be accursed

**Gal 1:6** I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the **grace** of **Christ**  
unto another gospel:

**Gal 1:7** Which is not another;  
but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert **the gospel of Christ**.

**Gal 1:8** But though we, or an angel from heaven,  
preach any other gospel unto you than **that which we have preached unto you**,  
let him be accursed.

**Gal 1:9** As we said before, so say I now again,  
If any **man** preach any other gospel unto you than **that ye have received**,  
let him be accursed.

### The Gospel is directly from Jesus Christ, not men

**Gal 1:10** For do I now persuade men, or **God**? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of **Christ**.

**Gal 1:11** But I certify you, brethren, that **the gospel which was preached of me**

- is not after [according to] man.
- **Gal 1:12** For I neither received it of [from] man,
- neither was I taught *it*,

but by **the revelation of Jesus Christ**.

**Gal 1:13** For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in **the Jews' religion**,

- how that beyond measure I persecuted **the church of God**, and wasted it:
- **Gal 1:14** And profited in **the Jews' religion** above many my equals in mine own nation,
- being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

### When you receive a revelation from God directly

**Gal 1:15** But when it pleased **God**, who separated me from my mother's womb,

and called *me* by his **grace**,  
Gal 1:16 To reveal **his Son** in me,  
that I might preach him among **the heathen**;

immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:  
Gal 1:17 Neither went I up to **Jerusalem** to them which were apostles before me;

but I went into **Arabia**,  
and returned again unto **Damascus**.

Gal 1:18 Then **after three years** I went up to **Jerusalem** to see **Peter**, and abode with him **fifteen days**.

Gal 1:19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save **James the Lord's brother**.

Gal 1:20 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before **God**, I lie not.

Gal 1:21 Afterwards I came into the regions of **Syria** and **Cilicia**;

Gal 1:22 And was unknown by face unto the churches of **Judaea** which were in **Christ**:

Gal 1:23 But they had heard only, That *he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed*.

Gal 1:24 And they glorified **God** in me.

**Gal 2:1** Then **fourteen years after** I went up again to **Jerusalem** with **Barnabas**, and took **Titus** with *me* also.

### Be cautious of those highly esteemed by men

Gal 2:2 And I went up *by revelation*,

and communicated unto them **that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles**,  
but privately to **them which were of reputation**,  
lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.

Gal 2:3 But neither **Titus**, who was with me, being a **Greek**, was compelled to be circumcised:

Gal 2:4 And 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:

Gal 2:5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour;  
that the truth of **the gospel** might continue with you.

Gal 2:6 But of **these who seemed to be somewhat**,  
(whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: **God** accepteth no man's person:)  
for **they who seemed to be somewhat in conference** added nothing to me:

### The Gospel is for both the circumcised and uncircumcised

Gal 2:7 But contrariwise, when they saw

- that **the gospel** of the uncircumcision was committed unto me,
- as **the gospel** of the circumcision *was* unto **Peter**;

Gal 2:8 (For he that

- wrought effectually in **Peter** to the apostleship of the circumcision,
- the same was mighty in me toward the **Gentiles**:)

Gal 2:9 And when **James, Cephas [Peter] and John**, who seemed to be pillars,  
perceived the **grace** that was given unto me,  
they gave to me and **Barnabas** the right hands of fellowship;

- that we *should go* unto **the heathen**,
- and they unto **the circumcision**.

Gal 2:10 Only *they would* that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward [eager] to do.

## Hypocrisy condemned, The Law verses Faith

Gal 2:11 But when **Peter** was come to **Antioch**, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.

- Gal 2:12 For before that certain came from **James**, he did eat with the **Gentiles**:
- but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of **the circumcision**.

Gal 2:13 And **the other Jews** dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that **Barnabas** also was carried away with their dissimulation.

Gal 2:14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to **the truth of the gospel**, I said unto **Peter** before *them* all,

If thou, being a **Jew**, livest after the manner of **Gentiles**, and not as do the **Jews**, why compellest thou the **Gentiles** to live as do the **Jews**?

Gal 2:15 We *who are* **Jews** by nature, and not sinners of the **Gentiles**,

Gal 2:16 Knowing 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**.

Gal 2:17 But if, while we seek to be **justified by Christ**, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is* therefore **Christ** the minister of sin? **God** forbid.

Gal 2:18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

Gal 2:19 For I through **the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God**.

- Gal 2:20 **I am crucified with Christ**:
- nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ** liveth in me:
- and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of **the Son of God**,
  - who loved me, and gave **himself** for me.

Gal 2:21 I do not frustrate the **grace of God**: for if righteousness *come* by **the law**, then **Christ** is dead in vain.

Gal 3:1 O foolish **Galatians**, who hath **bewitched** you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes **Jesus Christ** hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

Gal 3:2 This only would I learn of you,

Received ye **the Spirit** by **the works of the law**, or by **the hearing of faith**?

Gal 3:3 Are ye so foolish? **having begun in the Spirit**, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Gal 3:4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if *it be* yet in vain.

Gal 3:5 He therefore **that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law**, or by **the hearing of faith**?

Gal 3:6 Even as **Abraham BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS**. (Gen 15:6)

Gal 3:7 Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham**.

Gal 3:8 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.

**Gen 22:18** And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Gal 3:9 So then **they which be of faith** are blessed with faithful **Abraham**.

Gal 3:10 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.

**Deu 27:26** Cursed *be* he that confirmeth not *all* the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Gal 3:11 But that no man is justified by **the law** in the sight of **God**, *it is evident*: for,

**THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.**

**Hab 2:4** Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

Gal 3:12 And **the law is not of faith**:

but, THE MAN THAT DOETH THEM SHALL LIVE IN THEM.

**Eze 18:21** But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

**Eze 33:19** But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby.

Gal 3:13 **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:

**Deu 21:22** And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree:

**Deu 21:23** His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged *is* accursed of **God**;) that thy land be not defiled, which **the LORD thy God** giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

Gal 3:14 That the blessing of **Abraham** might come on the **Gentiles** through **Jesus Christ**; that we might **receive the promise of the Spirit through faith**.

## Terms of the Covenant of Faith

Gal 3:15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men;

Though *it be* but a man's covenant,

yet **if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.**

Gal 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**.

Gal 3:17 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.

Gal 3:18 For if the inheritance *be* of **the law**, *it is* no more of **promise**: but **God** gave *it* to **Abraham** by **promise**.

Gal 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  
Gal 3:20 Now a mediator is not *a mediator* of one, but **God** is one.

Gal 3:21 *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**.

Gal 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that **the promise** by faith of **Jesus Christ** might be given to them that believe.

Gal 3:23 But before faith came, we were kept under **the law**, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

Gal 3:24 Wherefore **the law** was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto **Christ**, that we might be justified by faith.

Gal 3:25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of **God** by faith in **Christ Jesus**.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into **Christ** have put on **Christ**.

Gal 3:28 There is neither **Jew** nor Greek,  
there is neither bond nor free,  
there is neither male nor female:  
or ye are all one in **Christ Jesus**.

Gal 3:29 And if ye *be* **Christ**'s, then are ye **Abraham**'s seed, and heirs according to **the promise**.

## Heirs/Sons with Christ - no longer Slaves to The Law

Gal 4:1

Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child,

- differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;
- Gal 4:2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

Gal 4:3

Even so we, when we were children,

- were in bondage under the elements of the world:

Gal 4:4 **But when the fulness of the time was come,**

**God sent forth his Son**, made [born] of a woman, made [who were] under **the law**,

- Gal 4:5 **To redeem them that were under the law,**
- that we might **receive the adoption of sons**.

Gal 4:6

And **because ye are sons,**

- **God** hath sent forth **the Spirit of his Son** into your hearts, crying, Abba, **Father**.
- Gal 4:7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, **but a son;**
- and if a son, then **an heir of God through Christ**.

Gal 4:8

Howbeit then, when ye knew not **God**,

- ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

Gal 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?
- Gal 4:10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

Gal 4:11 I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

Gal 4:12 Brethren,

I beseech you, be as I *am*;

for I *am* as ye *are*:

ye have not injured me at all.

Gal 4:13 Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached **the gospel** unto you at the first.

Gal 4:14 And my temptation which was in my flesh

ye despised not, nor rejected;

but received me as an angel of **God**, *even* as **Christ Jesus**.

Gal 4:15

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.

Gal 4:16 Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

Gal 4:17 They eagerly seek you, not commendably, but they wish to shut you out, in order that you may seek them. (NASV)

Gal 4:17 They zealously affect you, *but* not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them. (KJV)

Gal 4:18 But *it is* good to be zealously affected always in a good *thing*, and not only when I am present with you.

Gal 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until **Christ be formed in you**,

Gal 4:20 I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice;

for I stand in doubt of you.

Gal 4:21 Tell me, ye that desire to be under **the law**, do ye not hear [listen to and obey] **the law**?

## Two Covenants Allegory

Gal 4:22 For it is written, that **Abraham** had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

- Gal 4:23 But he *who was* of the bondwoman (Note Hagar) was born after the flesh;
- but he of the freewoman (Note Sarah) *was* by **promise**.

Gal 4:24 Which things are an allegory: for **these are the two covenants**;

the one from **the mount Sinai**, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar [Hagar].

- Gal 4:25 For this Agar [Hagar] is **mount Sinai in Arabia**, (Note: not between Egypt and today's Israel but in today's north-west Saudi Arabia)
- and answereth [corresponds] to **Jerusalem** which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

Gal 4:26 But **Jerusalem** which is above is **free**, which is the mother of us all.

Gal 4:27 For it is written,

REJOICE, *THOU* BARREN THAT BEAREST NOT; BREAK FORTH AND CRY, *THOU* THAT TRAVAILEST NOT: FOR THE DESOLATE HATH MANY MORE CHILDREN THAN SHE WHICH HATH AN HUSBAND.

**Isa 54:1** Sing, O barren, thou *that* didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou *that* didst not travail with child: for more *are* the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.

Gal 4:28 Now we, brethren, as **Isaac** was, are **the children** of **promise**.

Gal 4:29 But as then **he that was born after the flesh** (Note: Esau, older twin son of Isaac) persecuted **him that was born after the Spirit**, (Note: Jacob, younger twin son of Isaac) even so *it is* now.

Gal 4:30 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

**Gen 21:10** 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.

Gal 4:31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, *but of the free*.

Note: there is no record in the Protestant Bible of Ishmael's offspring persecuting the offspring of Isaac, but there are plenty of references of Esau's descendants persecuting Jacob's descendants, and also the Kabalistic Jews persecuting Christians. God promised Ishmael that He would also make of him a great nation though not as great a nation as promised to/through Isaac.

**Gal 5:1** Stand fast therefore in the *liberty* wherewith

Christ hath made us free,

and be not entangled again with **the yoke of bondage**.

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

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

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

Gal 5:6 For in **Jesus Christ** neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; *but faith which worketh by love*.

Gal 5:7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey **the truth**?

Gal 5:8 This persuasion *cometh* not of **him that calleth you**.

Gal 5:9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

Gal 5:10 I have confidence in you through the **Lord**, that ye will be none otherwise minded: *but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment*, whosoever he be.

Gal 5:11 And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is **the offence of the cross** ceased.

Gal 5:12 I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

Gal 5:13 For, brethren, *ye have been called unto liberty*;

only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, *but by love serve one another*.

Gal 5:14 For **all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this**;

THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS  
THYSELF

**Lev 19:18** Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I *am* the LORD.

Gal 5:15 *But if ye bite and devour one another*, take heed that ye be not *consumed one of another*.

### Led by the Spirit or Led by the Flesh

Gal 5:16 *This* I say then, Walk in **the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil **the lust of the flesh**.

Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against **the Spirit**, and **the Spirit** against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Gal 5:18 But if ye be led of **the Spirit**, ye are not under **the law**.

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*;

- Adultery,
- fornication,
- uncleanness,
- lasciviousness,
- Gal 5:20 Idolatry,
- witchcraft,
- hatred,
- variance,
- emulations,
- wrath, strife,
- seditions,
- eresies,
- Gal 5:21 Envyings,
- murders,
- drunkenness,
- revellings,
- and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit **the kingdom of God**.

Gal 5:22 **But the fruit of the Spirit is**

- love,
- joy,
- peace,
- longsuffering [patience],
- gentleness [kindness],
- goodness,
- faith,
- Gal 5:23 Meekness [gentleness, humility],
- Temperance [self-control]:

against such there is no law.

Gal 5:24 And **they that are Christ's** have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Gal 5:25 If we live in **the Spirit**, let us also walk in **the Spirit**.

Gal 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain **glory**, provoking one another, envying one another.

## Admonishments

**Gal 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault,**

ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Gal 6:2 **Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.**

Gal 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

Gal 6:4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

Gal 6:5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

Gal 6:6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

Gal 6:7 Be not deceived; **God** is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

- Gal 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh **reap corruption**;
- but he that soweth to **the Spirit** shall of **the Spirit** reap **life everlasting**.

Gal 6:9 And **let us not be weary in well doing**: for in due season **we shall reap, if we faint not**.

Gal 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

### Closing notes on those forcing circumcision on others

Gal 6:11 Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.

Gal 6:12 As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for **the cross of Christ**.

Gal 6:13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep **the law**; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

Gal 6:14

But **God** forbid that I should glory, save in **the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ**,

- **by whom the world is crucified unto me,**
- **and I unto the world.**

Gal 6:15 For in **Christ Jesus** neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, **but a new creature**.

Gal 6:16 **And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.**

Gal 6:17 From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body **the marks of the Lord Jesus**.

Gal 6:18 Brethren, the **grace** of **our Lord Jesus Christ** *be* with your spirit. Amen.

To the Galatians written from Rome.