

## The Galatian problem

Saved by faith, being urged to live under the law

Having begun in the Spirit, now back to own efforts

"O foolish Galatians!"

Having been set free, now back to bondage!

#### Did Christ set us free





to go from one prison cell to another?

# There are only two religions in the world:

I. The religion of human achievement

and

II. The religion of divine grace.

#### **Christianity = Divine Grace**

"The just shall live by faith"

Habakkuk 2:4, prophetic statement fulfilled in the N.T.

I. Romans 1:17, "the just"

II. Galatians 3:11, "shall live"

III. Hebrews 10:38, "by faith", see ch.11.

#### Galatians - Outline

Chapters 1-2 = Personal

**Chapters 3-4 = Doctrinal** 

**Chapters 5-6 = Practical** 

# Two things

I. Look at the passage

II. Draw some practical lessons

#### Galatians 5:1-12

Gal.5:1-6 = false teaching, Christ + ...

Gal.5:7-12 = false teachers

## Two ways to loose your spiritual freedom:

1. False Teaching – (vs.2-12)

2. Selfish Living – (vs.13-15)

# Gal.5:2-6 = false teaching

Five arguments: if circumcised,

- 1. Vs.2, Christ is of no value
- 2. Vs.3, you must keep the whole law, 613 plus
- 3. Vs.4, fallen from (the principle of) grace, law & grace don't mix
- 4. Vs.5, excluded from righteousness, it comes by faith
- 5. Vs.6, works to no avail, it's by faith

#### Gal.5:7-12 = false teachers

- 1. Vs.7, they hinder the truth
- 2. Vs.9, they contaminate
- 3. Vs. 10, they trouble people
- 4. Vs.10, they will be judged
- 5. Vs.11, they persecute true teachers

### Two kinds of bondage

I. The bondage of the law, or laws

II. The bondage of self, or selfish living

"How should we then live?" Ez.33:10

I. Stand fast in your liberty, enjoy your freedom, 5:1