



# FUNDAMENTAL GRACE BIBLE STUDY

## Galatians

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Lesson 21: Chapter 5:1-12

*Profiting In Christ*

### 1. Review

- a. Paul speaks regarding performance in Christ: *"Stand fast...Christ hath made us free"*
- b. The Galatians *"begun in the Spirit"*, were *"sons"*, *"known of God"* – Gal3:2,3; 4:6-9
- c. Posture – justified by faith in Christ's atoning cross-work; standing in grace – Rom5:1,2
- d. Performance – grace doctrine teaches what saved members of Christ's body *should* do – Eph2:10

### 2. Definition of Terms

- a. *Liberty* def. – freedom from restraint of body, will or mind
- b. *Entangled* def. – twisted together; ensnared
- c. *Profit* def. – to proceed forward; to advance
- d. *Debtor* def. – one who owes or is under obligation to another
- e. *Wait* def. – to stop *OR* continue
  - i. to stay or rest in expectation until arrival
  - ii. to attend; to perform; to look watchfully; to be ready to serve
- f. *Leaven* def. – to lift; any thing which makes a general change in the mass; corrupts or depraves

### 3. Position and Profit In Christ (*"Posture Precedes Performance"*)

- a. Liberated by Christ, standing in grace through faith – Gal5:1; Cf. Rom5:1-21
- b. Crucified with Christ, alive in Christ – Gal2:18,19; Cf. Rom6:1-23; 7:1-25
- c. We are profited eternally by the riches of God's grace – Eph1:7,18; 2:7; 3:8,16; Col1:27
- d. Thinking one is *"justified by law"* = *"fallen from grace"* frustrates grace understanding – Rom11:6
- e. Paul speaks to the knowledge of Christ as great gain – Phil3:7-14
- f. Godliness with contentment is great gain – 1Tim4:8; 6:1-6

### 4. Hindering Profit in Christ

- a. Proper knowledge of how you received Christ, will assist in how you walk – Col2:5-7,18
- b. *"if ye be circumcised"* what about Rom2:25; 3:1; Gal1:14; Ac16:3; Cf. Col2:11
- c. It's tough to run well with added weight and not knowing where you are going

### 5. The Spiritual Mind

- a. The Galatians began in the Spirit but sought perfection by the flesh – Gal3:3; Cf. Col3:14
- b. Position (new creature), walk is by faith constrained by love – Eph2:10; Gal6:15; 2Cor5:14
- c. *"through the Spirit"* we reckon, wait, hope and walk – Rom8:1-25
- d. *"In Christ"* circumcision or uncircumcision does not profit...faith working by love profits

### 6. Leaven in the Bible

- a. *"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump"*
- b. Israel's law called for leaven to be removed & added at certain times – Ex12:14-20; 34:23-28
- c. Unleavened sacrifices spoke to Israel's OT insufficiencies & the NT's excellence – Heb9:1-28
- d. Leaven is referred to by Christ as *"wrong doctrine"* being taught – Mt16:6-12
- e. Paul refers to leaven as being puffed up with wrong doctrine – 1Cor4:6,18,19; 5:1-8; 13:4
- f. Wrong doctrine breeds wrong behavior – 1Tim1:3; 1Cor15:33
- g. *"the offence of the cross"* wrong doctrine opposes the cross of Christ – Phil3:15-21; 1Cor1:18-23



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## **Feast Days**

Passover – 10-14<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month, prep & sacrifice of lamb – Lev23:5

Unleavened Bread – 15-21<sup>st</sup> day of the first month – Lev23:6

Firstfruits – wave offering from harvest w/ unspotted lamb – Lev23:10-14

Pentecost – 50 days after Firstfruits; two wave loaves w/ leaven - Lev23:15-21

In-Gathering – main harvest leaving gleanings for stranger – Lev23:22

Trumpets – 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month – Lev23:24

Atonement – 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month – Lev23:27

Tabernacles – 15-21<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month – Lev23:34