

## “Stay Out of Prison”

Galatians 5:1-15

Paul is adamant about the dangers of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

*“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”* [Gal 5:1]

Self-righteousness is our core \_\_\_\_\_ – our greatest danger

We look out the open door of our cell with more \_\_\_\_\_ than longing

The greatest peril that can befall a person is to fall away from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ : a curved piece of wood fitted onto the necks of oxen for plowing

The Jews spoke of “taking the yoke of the \_\_\_\_\_” upon themselves

Circumcision: a theological \_\_\_\_\_ as well as a physical procedure

Circumcision stands for the system – for any system – of self-righteousness

*“You are \_\_\_\_\_ from Christ, you who would be justified by the law”* [5:4a]

*“You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?”* [7]

We typically do not think of \_\_\_\_\_ as something to avoid for the sake of souls!

*“Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved....”* [Acts 15:1]

*“For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness.”* [5]

The translation here is too tepid – it is a strong, buoyant confidence

*“In Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything”*

*“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love”* [Gal. 5:6, NIV]

The law will \_\_\_\_\_ if we use it as a self-salvation project

It is good and beautiful as the \_\_\_\_\_ by which we love and bow before the Lord

Paul wars against \_\_\_\_\_ as well as legalism

We are free to serve--joyful “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

Two essential facets of Gospel \_\_\_\_\_

1. Freedom of \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ freedom

“The freedom of \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_”

If we find our affections tepid, our joy remote, we need to fix our eyes on Jesus

Our Lord was heavy laden for us – He took the yoke of our sin upon Himself

*“Who would know sin, let him repair unto Mount Olive”* [George Herbert]

*“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”* [Matthew 11:28]

Lord’s Supper: “Confession and \_\_\_\_\_”

*“The knowledge of sin, when understood from within the context of saving grace, bring an unburdened happiness to the human heart.”* [Rutledge]

*“With joy you will draw water from the \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation.”* [Isaiah 12:3]