

Pray before starting and ask the Lord to open your mind and your heart to the truth waiting for you today. Write your answers on a separate sheet of paper.

Let's review:

- 1. To whom is this letter written? Primarily and over all?**
- 2. What was the problem that Paul was addressing by writing this letter?
Gal. 1:6**
- 3. What did Paul say should happen to anyone who brought a gospel (good news) other than Christ's? Gal.1:8**
- 4. What truth does Paul clearly lay out in Gal. 2:15-16; 20-21?**
- 5. What is the question that Paul asks them in Gal. 3:2?**
- 6. Who are the children of Abraham mentioned in Gal. 3:7,9?**
- 7. Who was the fulfillment of the promise God made to Abraham? Gal.3:16**
- 8. What was the purpose of the law?**
- 9. What is the good news of Gal.3:29?**
- 10. What is the glorious truth that Paul shares in Gal.4:4-7?**
- 11. In Gal.4:21-31 we saw a comparison, the bond woman and the free woman and their offspring. If we have trusted in Christ and his finished work on the cross on our behalf, what does God's word say about us in Gal.4:31?**
- 12. How did the Jews view themselves?
How did they view everyone else?**

Let's think for a minute...

13. Can we do anything to reconcile ourselves to God?

- Since we have been reconciled and justified (Just as if I'd never sinned) by His grace, we should not go back and try to add anything to His finished work.
- We are now free to do what we never could do before...live unselfishly; to live in obedience to God. Before I accepted Christ, my sinful fleshly nature kept me from it; no matter how I longed for it. I might do okay for a brief time but, like the author of Romans, I was powerless to continue; I would revert back to my selfishness.

Romans 7:21-25 So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. **22** For in my inner being I delight in God's law; **23** but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a

prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. **24** What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? **25** Thanks be to God--through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

Read Galatians 5 completely before beginning to answer the questions. If you would like to have it read aloud to you, go to www.crosswalk.com and type in Gal.5 in the search, hit enter and when it comes up you can click on the volume icon and listen to the chapter read aloud in either the KJV or Living Bible. Sorry the NIV is not available at this time. I simply read along with it for a couple of times to become familiar with the passage.

14. Paul begins Galatians 5 with a challenge for all those who are free in Christ, what is that challenge? Vs.1

15. In verses 2-6 Paul discusses their error at attempting to require circumcision of those who desire to accept Christ. Why would this be such a huge thing?

16. What was God's purpose for initiating circumcision in the first place? Read Gen. 17:9-14

Gen. 17:9-14 Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. **10** This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. **11** You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. **12** For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner--those who are not your offspring. **13** Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. **14** Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

- **It was a sign of the _____ between God and _____.**
- **Who was to be included in this _____.**
- **It distinguished those who believed in the importance of the divine promises given to _____ (name the person to whom God made this covenant) from those who did not.**
- **What was to be done with any male who would not be circumcised? _____.**
- **Why?**

For further insight read Rom.2:25-27 and 1 Cor. 7:17-20 and briefly state what you learn.

- **Romans 2:25-27** Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised. **26** If those who are not circumcised keep the law's requirements, will they not be regarded as though they were circumcised? **27** The one who is not circumcised physically and

yet obeys the law will condemn you who, even though you have the written code and circumcision, are a lawbreaker

- **1 Corinthians 7:17–20** Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. **18** Was a man already circumcised when he was called? He should not become uncircumcised. Was a man uncircumcised when he was called? He should not be circumcised. **19** Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. Keeping God's commands is what counts. **20** Each one should remain in the situation which he was in when God called him.

At this point you should have a greater understanding of the sign of the covenant; circumcision, why it was so important to the Israelites, what the purpose was and was not, and how they could have fallen into the trap of demanding that everyone be circumcised.

17. Paul was not afraid to speak up and point out the error. Should we speak up when we know the truth?

18. How are we to share the truth? 2 Timothy 4:2

19. Back to Gal. 5:9, what is the practical warning given here?

20. Paul was preaching salvation by Christ alone; what does verse 11 say he was enduring?

21. Over and over again Paul uses the words “free” and “freedom” in chapters 4 and 5. Now in vs.13 he gives them a word of warning. What is the warning?

22. Paul summarizes Jesus words from Matt. 7:12 and Matt. 22:36–40. Write out and memorize Gal.5:14.

23. In Gal.5:16– 18 Paul discusses two forces or desires at work in our lives every day, what are they?

24. What problem do we face daily?

How can we avoid falling into this trap?

25. Make two lists to show how each of these desires manifest themselves in our actions. Vs. 19–23

Works of the flesh

Fruits of the Spirit

26. What is the key to our living a victorious Christian life? Vs. 25

This flies in the face of our culture today that declares “Have it your way.” and demands “I have my rights.”

27. How has this chapter challenged you? Be specific please, either on paper or in a prayer.

28. Ask God if there is anything you are even unconsciously adding to grace.