

"STANDING FAST IN CHRISTIAN LIBERTY"

GALATIANS 5:1

I. PAUL OPENS THIS CHAPTER WITH VARIOUS PICTURES OF THE LAW & VARIOUS RESPONSES TO IT (5:1-6)

A. Pictures: "Yoke" (5:1) "Circumcision" (5:2-3,6) "The Law" (5:4)

**B. Responses: "Stand Fast" (5:1a) "Be Not Entangled Again" (5:1b)
"If Ye Be Circumcised" (5:2)**

"Every Man That Is Circumcised" (5:3)

"Whosoever Of You Are [*Seeking To Be*] Justified By The Law" (5:4)

II. THE FIRST PROPER CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO THE LAW IS ACTUALLY TWO FOLD IN NATURE (5:1)

A. A Genuine Believer Will Accept The Messiah's Work As Finished

1. The Nature Of Christ's Saving Work Was Liberation: "*Christ Hath Made Us Free*"

2. This Is Just One Of Several Angles On The Nature Of Christ's Saving Work

a. In Relation To Satisfaction Of God's Wrath: *Propitiation*

b. In Relation To Man's Enslavement To Sin: *Redemption*

c. In Relation To The Penalty For Sin: *Substitution*

d. In Relation To Reestablishing Connection To God: *Reconciliation*

e. In Relation To The Mosaic Law: *Liberation*

i. Negatively: Not Liberty To Transgress Into Sin & Live Any Way We Want

ii. Positively: Liberty From Being Related To God Primarily By The Law

iii. Positively: Liberty From The Condemnation Of The Law

B. A Genuine Believer Will Act In Accordance With Messiah's Work