

"A SOLEMN WARNING"

GALATIANS 5:2-4

I. PAUL IS ADDRESSING A CERTAIN KIND OF PERSON (5:2a)

A. Process Of Elimination

1. Not Jews Who Were Circumcised Before They Came To Christ
2. Not Circumcised Gentiles Who Were Proselytes To Judaism

B. The Culprits: Anyone Prepared To Accept Circumcision Or Any Other Law As A Necessary Requirement For A Right Standing With God

1. A Case In Point From Acts 15
2. A Case In Point From I Corinthians 1:17
3. A Case In Point From Teaching Not Found In Scripture

II. FOUR FOLD CONSEQUENCES OF ADDING LEGAL OBEDIENCE TO FAITH IN CHRIST FOR JUSTIFICATION (5:2b-4)

A. Christ's Perfect Atonement Will Be Of No Profit To You (5:2b)

B. You Will Be Obligated To Keep The Entire Law Perfectly For Life (5:3)

1. The Law Is An Indivisible Unity
2. The Result Of This Unnecessary Obligation Is That You Will Forever Be Under The Curse Of The Law

C. You Will Have Been Severed From Christ (5:4a)

D. You Will Have Fallen From Grace (5:4b)

1. The Abandonment Of The Grace Concept As A Basis For Relationship With God (Romans 4)
2. The Abandonment Of The Fullest Expression Of The Grace That God Has Given (Galatians 2:21)