

"REASONS FOR STANDING FAST IN LIBERTY" GALATIANS 5:5-6

I. IT IS BY FAITH THAT WE ARE WAITING, NOT BY WORKS THAT WE ARE TRYING (5:5)

- A. Salvation By Grace Through Faith Has Always Been Under Assault
- B. We Are Given The Object Of This *Wait: The Hope Of Righteousness*
 - 1. There Is No Uncertainty In This *Hope*
 - 2. This Is A Confident Expectation That Cannot Be Disappointed
- C. The *Waiting* Is Ultimately Accomplished *Through* The Holy Spirit

II. IT IS FAITH ALONE THAT AVAILS FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS (5:6)

- A. It Would Be Nearly Impossible To Find Anyone Any Where Within Christendom Who Would Argue Dogmatically Against The Concept Of Faith Altogether
 - 1. The Whole Issue Is In The Word *Alone*
 - 2. The Issue Is A Matter Of Life & Death
- B. Circumcision Or Lack Of Circumcision Is Utterly Inconsequential As Far As A Man's Standing Before God Is Concerned
 - 1. There Is A Qualifier: It Is *In Christ Jesus* That All Religious Rites Lose Their Significance
 - 2. Union With Christ Trumps Whatever Man Thinks He Can Do