"Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free" (5:1)

I. Justification by Faith: The Galatians' Experience (vv. 1-5)

- A. The Charge of Foolishness, and Question of Deception (v. 1)a. Who bewitched them?
 - b. They have stopped obeying the truth which was once clear to them.
- B. Questions for Remembrance (vv. 2-5)
 - a. Was their reception of the Spirit from law or faith? (v. 2)
 - b. Is their current perfecting different from the beginning in the Spirit, and now by flesh? (v. 3)
 - c. Was their suffering in vain? (v. 4)
 - d. Does He who supplies the Spirit and works miracles do so from law or faith? (v. 5)

II. Justification by Faith: The Precedent of Abraham (vv. 6-9)

- A. Abraham's Faith Was Accounted to Him for Righteousness (v. 6)
- B. Justification is by Faith (vv. 7-9)
 - a. Only those of faith are Abraham's sons. (v. 7)
 - b. The Scriptural foresight of Gentile justification by faith proclaimed good news to Abraham that all nations would be blessed in him. (v. 8)
 - c. Those of faith are blessed with believing Abraham. (v. 9)

III. Justification by Faith: The Curse of the Law (vv. 10-14)

- A. The Law Placed Subjects Under a Curse
- a. Those of the law are under a curse since the law said one who does not continue in all things written is cursed. (v. 10)
 b. Since the just shall live by faith none are justified by the law, for such can only come from perfect obedience. (vv. 11-12)
 B. Christ Redeemed Us from the Curse
 - a. Christ redeemed us from the curse, having become a curse for us by hanging on a tree. (v. 13)
 - b. This brought the blessing of Abraham upon the Gentiles to receive the promise of the Spirit by faith. (v. 14)

- IV. Justification by Faith: The Covenant of Promise, and the Purpose of the Law (vv. 15-25)
- A. The Covenantal Promise Cannot be Changed (vv. 15-18)a. A man's covenant is not changed. (v. 15)
 - b. To Abraham and his Seed, who is Christ, were the promises made. (v. 16)
 - i. The law which came 430 years later cannot annul the covenant confirmed in Christ and make the promise of no effect. (v. 17)
 - ii. If the inheritance is of the law, it is not of promise; butGod gave it by promise. (v. 18)

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- A. The Covenantal Promise Cannot be Changed (vv. 15-18)
- B. The Purpose of the Law (vv. 19-25)
 - a. It was added because of transgressions till the Seed should come; appointed by a mediator. (vv. 19-20)
 - b. The law is not against the promises of God. (v. 21a)
 - i. Righteousness could not come by the law, but it confined all under sin. (vv. 21b-22a)
 - ii. The promise is given by faith in Christ; law was a tutor to bring us to Christ to be justified by faith. (vv. 22b-24)iii.We are no longer under a tutor. (v. 25)

v. Justification by Faith: Heirs Through Faith (vv. 26-29)

- A. You Are Sons of God (vv. 26-28)
 - a. Through faith in Christ Jesus. (v. 26)
 - b. Those who were baptized into Christ put on Christ. (v. 27)
 - c. You are all one in Christ Jesus no distinctions. (v. 28)
- B. As Christ's you are Abraham's seed, and heirs. (v. 29)