


Galatians 5:2-12 Dig Deeper for personal reading and Life Groups...

Gal 5:2-12 Running the Race



1) The consequence of going astray (v2-6) **SEPARATION**

2) The process of going astray (v7-12) **PERSUASION**

➔ Ask to get on track!
➔ Ask to get back on track!

CHRIST CHURCH
HUNTINGDON

Paul continues his letter to the Galatians with a passionate warning. Like much of Paul's writing, these dense sentences take a bit of unpacking, so pray for God's help, and work together with others to grow your build your "virus protection" against legalism...

1. The warning v2-4

- a. What is the logic of Paul's warning?
- b. How would you answer a friend who says, "I'm a Christian, once saved always saved, so this can't apply to me"?
- c. What might be the first warning signs that we are in danger of this slavery?
- d. What might a loving conversation look like with someone you are worried about?

2. The encouragement v5-6

- a. What do you think Paul means when he says that "uncircumcision" doesn't have any value? (We have thought a lot about how circumcision doesn't have any value to justify).
- b. How might we be in danger of perversely reacting to legalism in an equally unhelpful way?
- c. Which "fresh angles on the gospel" from these verses do you particularly appreciate and why?

3. The slippery slope v7

- a. What are the different factors at work here that can conspire to send someone down the wrong track?
- b. How should this section cause us to pay attention to our church culture?

4. The shocker v12¹

- a. What do we learn from Paul's tone here? How would you respond to someone who says, it doesn't matter what you believe so long as you are sincere?

Some resources....

- A talk I gave at our summer camp on Christian perseverance including touching on the question of "[Can a Christian fall away](#)"?
- The recording of Andrew Sach's overview on Galatians is [here](#).



¹ Yes (if this translation is correct and there are other options [here](#)) Paul is so hostile to this false teaching that he wishes they wouldn't just get circumcised but rather go the whole hog and be castrated!!!! This could just be rhetoric, or perhaps it plays into the fact that eunuchs and those who were sexually mutilated were rendered unclean and unable to be priests. Possibly a way of shaming them into seeing how far from God's ways they have strayed.