

**Galatians 5:4~** You are parted from Christ, whoever you are, that try to be declared righteous by means of Law. You have fallen away from his undeserved kindness.

1· Now Paul gets back to valid arguments. Anyone trying to be declared righteous due to works under the Law Covenant is parted from the Christ, and from faith in the promise. Such a person has fallen away from God's undeserved kindness by trying to be declared righteous by his own works.

[Question] What arguments does Paul now return to?

[Question] Who then, is parted from Christ, and why so?

[Question] What then, has such a person fallen away from?

2· True righteousness is imparted to mankind through faith in Jesus Christ alone. Circumcision does not preclude faith, rather Abraham exercised his faith in the promise of God, by the very act of getting circumcised himself, and then circumcising all his offspring including Isaac, and all that came forth from Isaac, so that he could bear a clean offspring, Isaac, for this was his agreement with God. This act of faith by Abraham was not a falling away from his undeserved kindness, but an acceptance of it. Paul is very much mistaken here.

[Question] How does mankind gain true righteousness from God?

[Question] How did Abraham show faith in the promise of a future seed?

[Question] How then, would he bring forth a clean offspring through this covenant?

[Question] What then, was this act of faith on Abraham's part?

3· Therefore by works of Law no flesh will be declared righteous before him, for by Law is the accurate knowledge of sin. (Romans 3:20)

[Question] Will anyone ever be declared righteous through works under the Law Covenant?

[Question] What does the Law Covenant make apparent to mankind under it?

4· Now to the man that works, the pay is counted, not as an undeserved kindness, but as a debt. (Romans 4:4)

**[Question]** When a man works for another, what is his pay considered to be, and what is it not considered to be?

- 5· But Israel, although pursuing a **Law** of righteousness, did not attain to the **Law**. (**Romans 9:31**)

**[Question]** What was Israel following, and yet what did they not attain to?

- 6· Now if it is by **undeserved kindness**, it is no longer due to works. Otherwise, the **undeserved kindness** no longer proves to be **undeserved kindness**. (**Romans 11:6**)

**[Question]** How does the declaration of righteousness come forth though?

- 7· Carefully watching that no one may be deprived of the **undeserved kindness** of God. That no poisonous root may spring up and cause trouble, and that many may not be defiled by it. (**Hebrews 12:15**)

**[Question]** What should we be very careful, not to withhold from anyone?

- 8· For if the very things, that I once threw down, I build up again, I demonstrate myself to be a transgressor. (**Galatians 2:18**)

**[Question]** What would we demonstrate ourselves to be, if we took up the things, we once threw down as wrong?

**[Question]** What is everything, that is not out of faith?

- 9· I fear for you, that somehow I **have** toiled to no purpose respecting you. (**Galatians 4:11**)

**[Question]** Why fear did Paul express to the Galatians?

- 10· Therefore, since a promise is left of entering into his rest, let us fear that sometime someone of you may seem to **have fallen** short of it. (**Hebrews 4:1**)

**[Question]** What promise is God giving to those who are obedient, and so what should we fear?