

Galatians 6:12~ All those who want to make a pleasing appearance in the flesh are the ones that try to compel you to get circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the torture stake¹ of the Christ, Jesus.²

Footnote: See Appendix 5C

Footnote: Christ, Jesus P46B; !ACDVgSyp, Christ

1· Paul again here references his fellow Jews who may have been trying to escape being disapproved by their fellow Jews on becoming Christians. As shown earlier in this letter and others, Paul was wrong about the circumcision, it is required of Christians, but the performance of all the Law Covenant was not required.

[Question] What were some Jews recommending to Gentile Christians, and for what reason?

[Question] Was Paul correct in stating, that circumcision was not necessary for anointed Christians?

[Question] What however was not required of anointed Christians?

2· Paul knew, that this was a stumbling point for his Jewish brothers. However, Christ was not tortured, because of not being circumcised, for he was circumcised, and he also taught that he came to fulfill the Law Covenant and not to destroy it. Also he was divinely obedient in all things, doing nothing out of his own will.

[Question] What proved to be a stumbling point with his Jewish brothers?

[Question] Could the torture stake of the Christ possibly be circumcision, to Jews who were already circumcised, as was Christ?

[Question] What did Christ show, that he came to fulfill, and not to destroy?

3· Therefore the torture stake of the Christ was not circumcision, but the Jews stumbling by trying to be declared righteous before God for their works under the Law Covenant, which could not happen, without his spirit, and a deep love for it.

[Question] What was the true torture stake of the Christ, not only to Jews but also to Gentiles?

[Question] What could never happen without a deep love of the Holy Spirit?

4· Through the love of this very spirit, Christ had fulfilled the Law Covenant, by living up to it perfectly, and so out of jealousy they hated him. The torture stake of the Christ really had nothing to do with circumcision. Paul made this an issue and a stumbling block to the Jews, but it should not have been one.

[Question] How has Christ been able, to truly fulfill the Law Covenant?

[Question] Yet why, was he hated by the Jews, was it over anything to do with circumcision?

[Question] What did Paul needlessly make the issue of circumcision into for the Jews?

5· Nevertheless, not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be **circumcised**, although he was a Greek. (**Galatians 2:3**)

[Question] What was Titus, though a Greek, not compelled to do?

6· As for me, brothers, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being **persecuted**? Then, indeed, the stumbling block of the **torture stake** has been abolished. (**Galatians 5:11**)

[Question] Was the circumcision a true stumbling block of the torture stake of Christ, or was it made such through the wrong understanding of Paul and others then?

7· For there are many, I used to mention them often, but now I mention them also with weeping, who are walking as the enemies of the **torture stake** of the **Christ**. (**Philippians 3:18**)

[Question] What were some men then, walking as the enemies of?

8· But just as then, the one born in the manner of **flesh** began persecuting the one born in the manner of spirit, so also now. (**Galatians 4:29**)

[Question] What happened through Ishmael and Isaac, that was similar to events of the **First Century C.E.**, between Jews and anointed Christians?