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# Exodus 20

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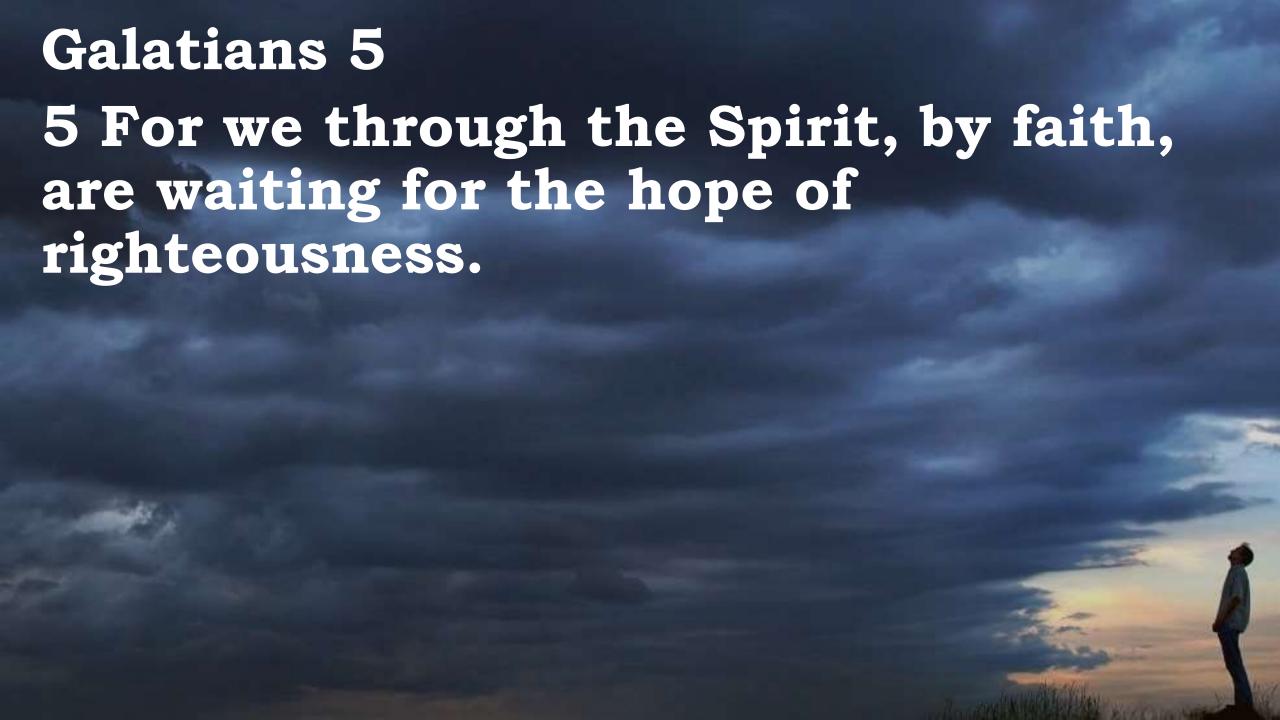
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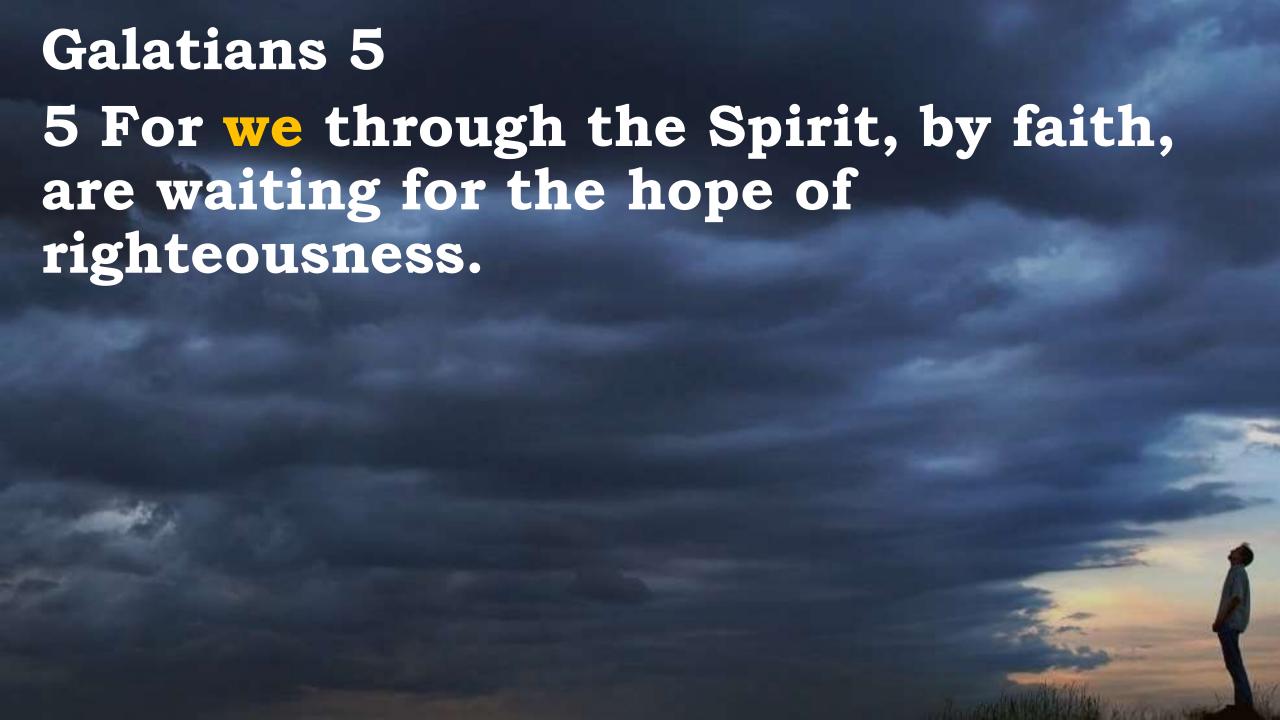
#### Titus 2

- 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men.
- 12 It instructs us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live sensible, upright, and godly lives in the present age,
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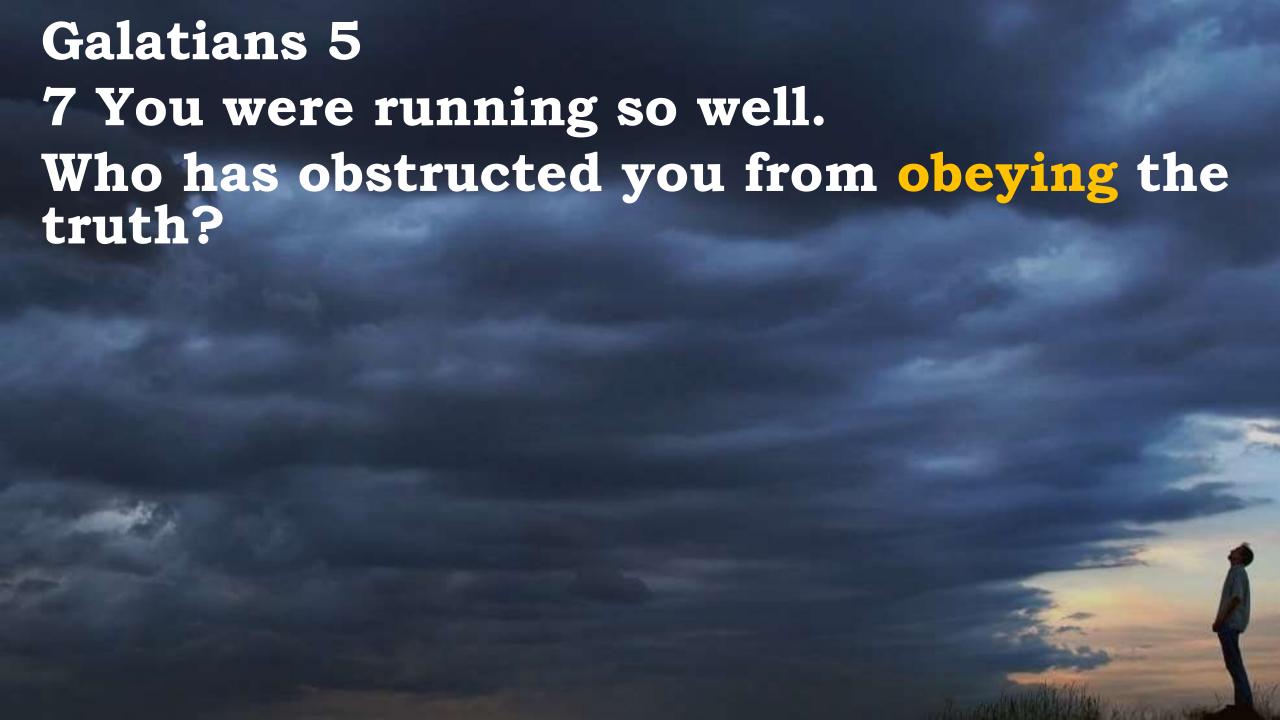
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#### Romans 2

- 6 God "will repay each one according to his deeds."
- 7 To those who by perseverance in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality, He will give eternal life.
- 8 But to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.

- 2 Thessalonians 1
- 8...He will inflict vengeance on those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

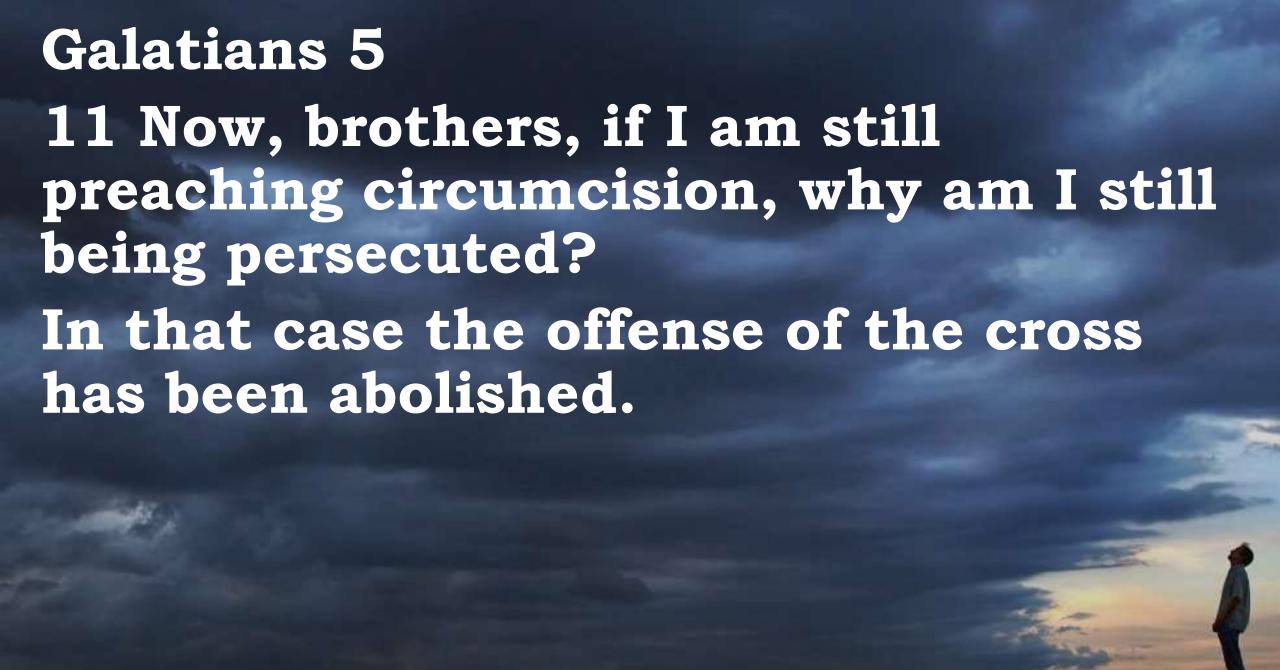
Acts 6

7 So the word of God continued to spread.

The number of disciples in Jerusalem grew rapidly, and a great number of priests became

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# 1. Whose efforts guarantee my salvation?

Mine?

Christ's?

We must be able to distinguish between law and gospel

It is not just following "Jewish law" that brings a curse; but any work I do that I believe will help justify me

# 2. Who gets credit for my salvation? Me? God?

God will not share His glory with me

Ephesians 2

8 For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not from yourselves;

it is the gift of God, 9 not by works,

so that no one can boast.

3. Freedom from the law means that we are:

Free to do what we want?

Free to obey the internal law of the Spirit?

#### Romans 8

- 1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
- 2 For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

# 4. Freedom from the law means that we are: Free from having to obey the law? I want to obey God and it is finally possible?

#### Romans 8

- 6 The mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace,
- 7 because the mind of the flesh is hostile to God:
- It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.
- 8 Those controlled by the flesh cannot please God.

5. Being under grace and not under law means:

Obedience is good yet somewhat optional?

Obedience is proof of my faith in Christ?

6. When I truly understand grace:
I will try hard to earn it?
I will rest in my faith in Christ/cross?

7. When I truly understand grace:

I will be sure to take advantage of it?

I will lay down my life for Christ?

8. When I truly understand grace:

I will sin because I can be forgiven easily?

I will have love God with all my heart and hate my sin?

9. When I truly understand grace:

I am free to go on living as I always have?

I will be so indebted that my life will change?

#### 10. When I truly understand God's love for me:

I will feel superior to others?

I will be humbled and serve others in love?

1 John 4

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

11. When I truly understand God's love for me:
I will go about my life without thinking
about Him?

I will diligently search His Word to know what He wants me to do?

12. Those who seek to obey God:

Love Him?

Hate Him?

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