

Discussion Questions for 2/23/25 Sermon “The Perils of Falling from Grace”

Galatians 5:2-4

Scriptures Referenced in Message: Gal. 5:2-4; James 2:10; Romans 8:1; John 5:24

1. (5:1) Paul says that it is “for freedom” that Christ has set us free. What does that statement mean?
2. Knowing what you know from your study of Galatians, how would you describe this freedom?
3. (5:1) In the same verse, what metaphor does Paul use to show the opposite of freedom?
4. (5:1) How would that metaphor be a fitting description?
5. In Gal. 5:2-4, What are the four unintended consequences of looking to our “law-keeping” in order to **be saved** or **be kept saved**?

6. How does the negative consequence of circumcision in verse 3 fit in with the teaching of James 2:10?

7. In verse 4, Paul describes these consequences as “falling away from grace.” Comparing this to John 5:24, and Romans 8:1, see if you can explain how this cannot be talking about losing your eternal salvation.

8. What is the source of our Salvation? Do any Scriptures come to mind?

9. How do we avail ourselves of the source? Do any Scriptures come to mind?

10. When we turn from the true source and look to our own self-efforts, what are we saying about the work that Jesus has done for us?