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Interested in becoming a Christian?
Why? Why not?

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Where we've been
Chapters 1 & 2: Paul's Gospel Authority
Chapters 3 & 4: Paul's Gospel Theology

Where we're going
Chapters 5 & 6: Living in Gospel Freedom

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I. *vv 1-6*
Christ *appointed*

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Christ *appointed*

6.

1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not
submit again to a yoke of slavery.

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2 Look, I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be
of no advantage to you. 3 I testify again to every man who accepts
circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. 4 You are
severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have
fallen away from grace. 5 For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly
await the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither
circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith
working through love.

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II. *vv 7-12*
Severe *fuzzy math*

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7 You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?
8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens
the whole lump. 10 I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no
other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty,
whoever he is. 11 But if I, brothers and sisters, still preach circumcision,
why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross
has been removed.

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"Actually, the cross of Christ is an offense to all that man prides himself
in. It is an offense to his morality because it tells him his work cannot
justify him. It is an offense to his philosophy because its appeal is to
faith and not to reason. It is an offense to the culture of man because its
truths are revealed to babes. It is an offense to his sense of class
because it calls for an humble and contrite spirit. It is an offense to his will
because it calls for an unconditional surrender. It is an offense to his
pride because it shows the exceeding sinfulness of the
human heart. And it is an offense to himself because it
tells him he must be born again." - J. Vernon McGee

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11 But if I, brothers and sisters, still preach circumcision, why am I still
being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been
removed. 12 I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate
themselves!

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III. *vv 13-15*
Predicting your *collapse*

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13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. Only do not
use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve
one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love
your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another,
watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

14.

Living in Gospel freedom

...do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the
flesh, but through love serve one another.