

A Crisis of Faith

Galatians 5:1-6 / Sunday, August 19th

1.) V:1 Notice, the Apostle isn't telling us to do nothing. He is telling us to _____ in faith! ("Stand" = "Persevere")

- Standing in faith is a volitional _____.
- Standing in faith requires an intentional _____.
- Standing in faith requires actively _____ God.

2.) V:2 "Tongue cannot express, nor heart conceive what a terrible thing it is to make Christ _____." (Luther)

3.) Jesus dealt with your sin on the cross. But to journey outside of Christ brings destruction with no _____.

4.) V:4 What can "estrangle us from Christ?" Sin? No! Christ died for our sins! (1John 1:9) Christ did not die for our _____ and rejection of the Gospel. Unbelief is the thief!

5.) There is no hope outside of Christ! But in Christ there is much hope! (V:5) Our hope is that Christ imparts to us His righteousness through _____. (The divine swap of 2Corinthians 5:21) Only by faith in Christ (trusting God's plan) can we find and maintain a _____ relationship with God.

Notes: _____

Growth Group Discussion Questions

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

1.) What's the oddest religious belief you have ever heard?

2.) Have you ever had "A Crisis of Faith"? What was it like? How did you get through it?

3.) Read today's text (Galatians 5:1-6) What is the theme of this text? What is the main point? What do you consider the key verse? Why?

4.) Can a person actually become "estranged from Christ"? How? (V:4) Look up this verse in several translations and discuss the proper understanding.

5.) As time permits read and explore the meaning of the following verses and discuss how they pertain to this Sunday's text: 2Corinthians 5:21; 1John 1:9; Ephesians 2:8-10; Hebrews 3:12-15; 1Corinthians 15:1-2; Acts 26:18; Romans 3:28; Galatians 2:16; Philippians 3:9.

6.) Is there anything in today's text that troubles or confuses you? Discuss.