

Bible Study—Fall 2012
The Crucial Points Of The Truth In Galatians
(9)
Brought to Naught from Christ

- Galatians 3:14** In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- 5:4** You have been brought to nought, *separated* from Christ, you who are being justified by law; you have fallen from grace.
- 5:5** For we by the Spirit out of faith eagerly await the hope of righteousness.
- 5:6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails anything nor uncircumcision, but faith *avails*, operating through love.
- John 15:4** Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.
- 15:5** I am the vine; you are the branches. He who **abides in Me and I in him**, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.
- 15:10** If you keep My commandments, you will **abide in My love**; even as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 4:13; Gal. 2:16, 21; 3: 2, 5, 8-9, 13.

- I. The crucial point in Galatians 5:4-6 is that we may be brought to nothing from Christ and that we may also fall from grace, thus to be brought to nothing concerning the enjoyment of Christ:**
- A. To be *brought to naught from Christ* is to be *reduced* to nothing from Christ, *deprived* of all profit from Christ and so *separated* from Him, making Him *void of effect*:
1. For the Galatians to be distracted back to the law and to circumcision means that they were *brought to nothing*, deprived of all profit from Christ and so separated from Him.
 2. To be brought to nought from Christ, is to be severed (cut out) as a grafted branch is detached from the superior tree that relinquish all the benefits of being joined to it—Rom. 11:17, 24.
 3. To be brought to nought from Christ does not mean you will perish; it means that your enjoyment of Christ has been *confiscated*.
- B. In verse 5 the Spirit and faith are in apposition; the Spirit is the faith and the faith is the Spirit:
1. The Judaizers made circumcision a condition of salvation—Gal. 2:3-5; Acts 15:1:
 2. If the Galatian believers had received circumcision, making it a condition of salvation, Christ would have profited them nothing.
- C. In verse 6 faith receives the Spirit of life and operates through love to fulfill the law—Gal. 3:2; 5:13:
1. Love is related to our appreciation of Christ; without such an appreciation, faith cannot operate.
 2. When we have the hearing of faith, this hearing awakens our loving appreciation, and this appreciation causes faith to operate—Rom.10:17.
 3. Faith operates because it participates in the riches of the life-giving Spirit; the more we have the hearing of faith, the more appreciation and love we have.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be *brought to nought from Christ*?
2. How is the Spirit related to faith?
3. How can we have more appreciation and love for the Lord Jesus?
4. How can we touch our spirit?

Hymn 1

1. Many weary years I vainly sought a spring,
One that never would run dry;
Unavailing all that earth to me could bring,
Nothing seemed to satisfy.

Drinking at the Fountain that never runs dry,
Drinking at the Fountain of life am I;
Finding joy and pleasure
In abounding measure,
I am drinking at the Fountain of life.
2. Through the desert land of sin I roam no more,
For I find a living Spring
And my cup of gladness now is running o'er,
Jesus is my Lord and King.
3. Here is sweet contentment as the days go by,
Here is holy peace and rest;
Here is consolation as the moments fly,
Here my heart is always blest.
4. Here I find a never ending, sure supply,
While the endless ages roll;
To this healing Fountain I would ever fly,
There to bathe my weary soul.