

Already Circumcised? Paul's Letter of Rebuke to Apostate Galatians

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(1) Paul's lack of travel plans in Galatians

- Contrast 1 Thess. 2.17-18, 3.6-10; 1 Cor. 16.5-10; 2 Cor. 12.14—13.4; Rom. 1.9-15, 15.22-25; Phm 22; Phil. 1.25-27, 2.24

(2) 6.12: οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι: conative or not?

- ἀναγκάζω: never used of attempted coercion; never conative in pres. or imperf.
- Acts 26.11, αὐτοὺς ἠνάγκαζον βλασφημεῖν: Paul compels blasphemy
- Ps.-Pla., *Sisyphus* 1: 387B: συμβουλεύειν αὐτοῖς ἠνάγκαζόν με
- 2.14, πῶς τὰ ἔθνη ἀναγκάζεις Ἰουδαΐζειν; -- successful compulsion in Antioch

(3) Paul's presents in Galatians:

- 1.6: θαυμάζω ὅτι οὕτως ταχέως μετατίθεσθε
- 3.3: οὕτως ἀνόητοί ἐστε; ἐναρξάμενοι πνεύματι νῦν σαρκὶ ἐπιτελείσθε
- 4.10-11, ἡμέρας παρατηρεῖσθε καὶ μῆνας καὶ καιροὺς καὶ ἐνιαυτοὺς

(4) 5.4: κατηργήθητε ἀπὸ Χριστοῦ οἵτινες ἐν νόμῳ δικαιοῦσθε τῆς χάριτος ἐξεπέσατε

- Separation from Christ, fall from grace accomplished through present course

(5) 5.12: ὄφελον καὶ ἀποκόψονται οἱ ἀναστατοῦντες ὑμᾶς

- Paul pictures his opponents with knife in hand
- Anachronism of missionary "preaching" and "contemplating" (cf. 3.1, 3)

(6) Weakness of the alternative

- Time factors: delays in sending and receiving news; what were they waiting for?
- 5.2: ἐὰν περιτέμνησθε Χριστὸς ὑμᾶς οὐδὲν ὠφελήσει: future more vivid cond.

(7) Evidence that Paul lost the churches of Galatia

- Absence of Galatia from 2 Cor. 8-9 and Rom. 15 (vs. presence in 1 Cor. 16.2)
- Galatians post-dating 1 Cor., pre-dating Rom.
- Scarcity of Galatia in Acts