

Not Circumcision but a New Creation - Galatians 6:11-18

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Believers, Body, Grace, Jesus Christ, Law, Mercy, Peace, Persecution, World

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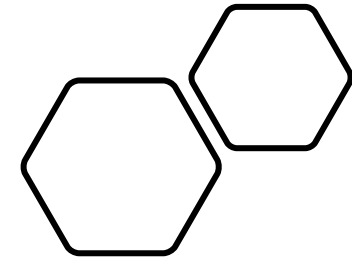
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Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.



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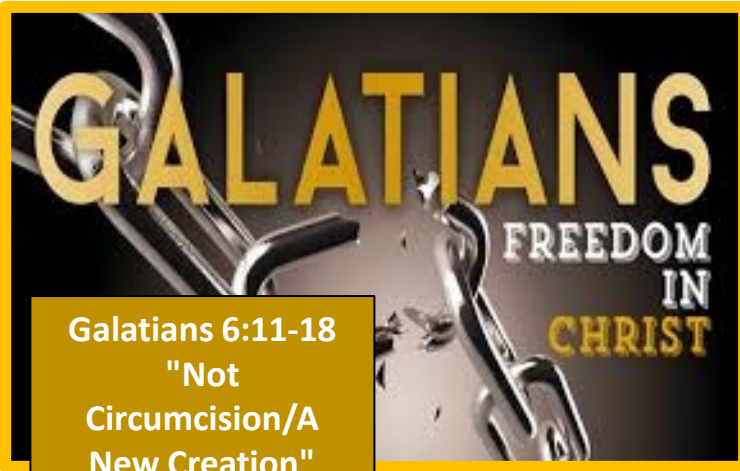
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We can hardly imagine how Paul felt as he dictated this letter. Perhaps he took up the parchment and reread his arguments and instructions. Some time may have passed since the original dictation. The letter was complete, but Paul decided to add some final thoughts, shaping the words in large and forceful movements of the pen and praying that this letter would be used by God to get his Galatian brothers and sisters to the truth.



Introduction

Paul left the Galatians with a strong word-picture of the cross of Jesus Christ. The decision that faced his readers was not really between two competing voices of authority; rather, the choice was between denying the Cross or finding through it the only true way of life.



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NOTICE WHAT LARGE LETTERS I USE AS I WRITE THESE CLOSING WORDS IN MY OWN HANDWRITING (**6:11 NLT**).



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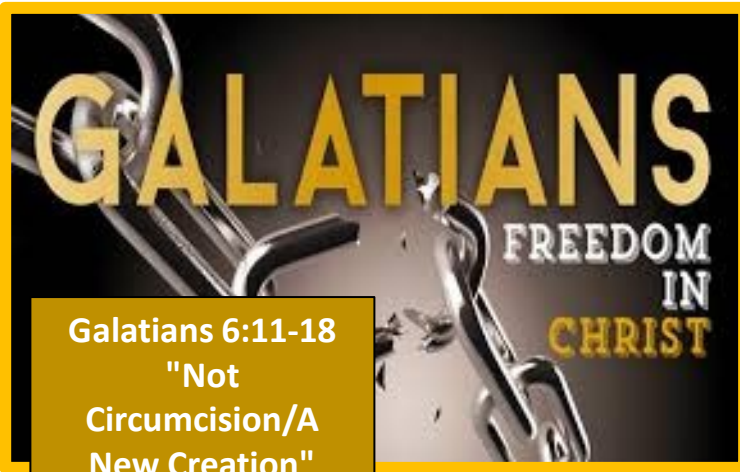
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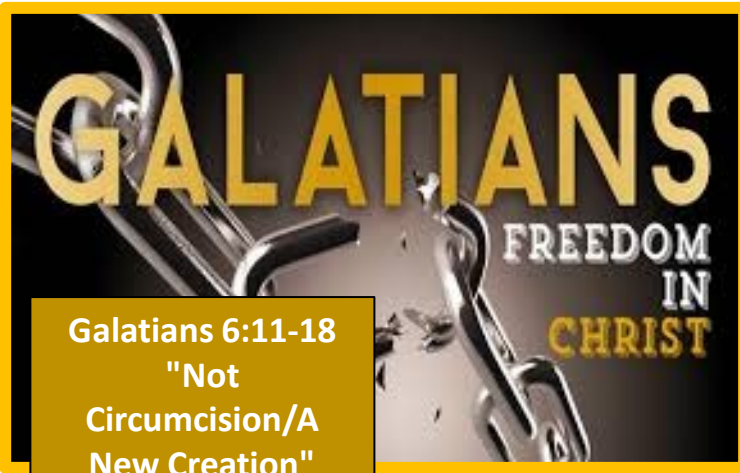


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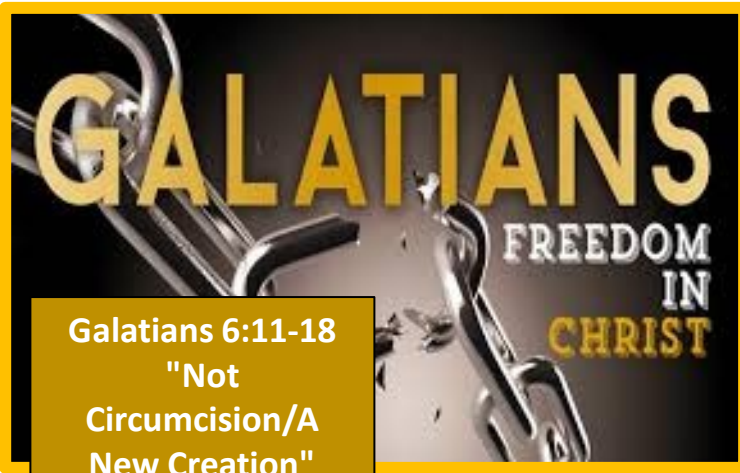
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