

1. What does verse 2 mean? Does it apply to everyone who has been circumcised?
2. Is verse 4 addressed to believers or unbelievers?
3. What does it mean to wait for the hope of righteousness, and how are faith and the Spirit involved?
4. Find some other verses that connect faith and love (*agape*).
5. Verse 7 uses the picture of a foot race, where the runner makes a good start before an opponent cuts in front of him and causes him to stumble. Where else does Paul use this analogy?
6. Explain what is meant by a little leaven leavening the whole lump. How could that happen to us?
7. What is the “offense of the cross”?
8. In verse 14, is Paul telling his readers they should obey the law after all?
9. How does faith promote serving one another through love but legalism lead to biting and devouring?
10. What can we learn from this portion about:

Salvation

The Church

Christ

Our Christian walk