"In the Lord, as for Paul, he (emphatic pronoun "I") was confident toward the Galatians. He was sure about the consummation of God's purposes for them.

b. About the Galatians

The verb "otherwise minded" means to think or "form a judgment." It is another expression of genuine confidence in the true faith of the Galatians (cf. Rom. 8:38).

c. About judgment

While the Galatians are expected to remain true, the one who was causing the Galatians trouble would ultimately bear his own judgment. Whoever this person(s) is, the just desserts of teaching the inadequacy of Jesus' Cross work would be meted out. The "wrath" side of the Gospel is rarely preached (cf. John 3:36).

3. CHARGES v. 11

a. About circumcision

The emphatic "I" is used here with the affectionate "brethren." Apparently, there were those who believed Paul practiced circumcision, but preached against it. The conditional clause is assumed to be true. If so, then certain questions arise.

b. About persecution

If Paul, in fact, taught circumcision, he would not be persecuted by the Judiazers, but he was! The particle "still" notes Paul endured problems to that hour. Now, apparently the Galatians professed to be relieved of persecution and yield to circumcision! So Paul turns the charge to a complaint against his readers.

c. About Cross offense

The whole scandal of the Cross of Christ would have been set at naught if Paul preached circumcision. But not so! The ignominy of the stake on which our glorious Lord was crucified remained. The gibbet of Calvary was still a stumbling block to the Jews and Paul upheld it firmly.

Conclusion Check it out carefully. To reject Christ as sufficient for all makes one's position utterly untenable. It means: 1) Disobedience to the Truth (v. 7). 2) Rejection of God's calling (v. 8). 3) Bringing in of an evil admixture (v. 9). 4) Questions Pauline persecution (v. 11). 5) Sets aside the Cross-scandal (v. 11). Now what? Consider Paul's wish prayerfully (v. 12). It has the same force as his previous conclusion (4:30). "Cast out" and "cut off" are not easily misunderstood concepts. The verbs represent God's view of any works system. So be it. Remember Eph. 2:8-10.