

Trust and Obey
Galatians 5:7-12

Introduction

1. Ever noticed it is easier to do the wrong thing than the right thing.
 - A. Doing the wrong thing doesn't require discipline.
 - 1) It doesn't require organization.
 - 2) It doesn't require commitment
 - 3) It doesn't require schedules.
 - 4) It doesn't require responsibility.
2. Doing the wrong thing keeps you safe in the moment.
 - A. When the crowd chooses to walk contrary to your beliefs.

The Race Interrupted. Vs. 7

1. Christian life is a race (picture a runner).
 - A. A runner starts off strong.
 - B. If they are not careful to pace themselves, they can fade at the end.
2. Question – Who hindered you.
3. Galatians started strong but someone hindered them.
 - A. Hindered – cut in, edge in, obstruct.
4. ***What can hinder spiritual growth?***
 - A. ***Galatians false teaching.***
 - B. ***Influenced by others who is living contrary to the gospel.***
 - C. ***Unaddressed sin***
 - D. ***Self-righteous attitude.***
5. Be aware and prepared for hinderance.
 - A. When it happens
 - 1) Press on.
 - 2) Look up.
 - 3) Lean on others.

Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

God is not the one who called you to error. Vs. 8

Influence of false teaching. Vs. 9

1. Metaphor – leaven spread through the whole batch of dough.
2. Leaven – evil.
3. Vs. 7 – who did hinder you.
 - A. It is apparent this began with 1 person.

Reality Check

1. We are all sinners saved by grace.
 - A. Stumbles will happen.
 - B. In the case of Galatian there was a purposeful effort to derail the church.

Confident in Christ leads us in the right direction. Vs. 10

1. Caught the phrase – “through the Lord”.
 - A. Key – church struggles are only overcome through the Lord.
 - B. Misdirection of a church is only redirected through the Lord.

- C. Tradition over scripture is only made right through the Lord.
2. We must always lay our plans down to see if they are God's plans.

Proverbs 16:3

3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Proverbs 16:9

9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

The offense of the Cross. Vs. 11

Consequences for false teachers. Vs. 12

The certainty of God's judgment.

- ***History teaches us that God's judgment is inevitable.***
- ***God's judgement is unavoidable***
- ***God's judgement comes according to His timing.***
- ***A person will reap what they sow.***

Three thoughts for the faithful

- ***Obedience leads to Freedom***
- ***Obeying God brings great blessings.***
- ***We must learn to obey even when we don't understand.***