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Galatians 5:7-12

"Don't Be Sabotaged"

I. You were running well. (vv. 7, 11)

7 You ran well. ... 11 And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased. - Galatians 5:7,11 NKJV

4 [Christ] gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

- Galatians 1:4 NKJV

16 "knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

- Galatians 2:16 NKJV

3 Paul wanted to have [Timothy] go on with him. And he took [him] and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek. - Acts 16:3 NKJV

What is the offense of the cross?

II. The error you are pursuing is not from God. (vv. 7-10, 12)

- 7 ... Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion does not [come] from Him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10 ... but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is. ... 12 I could wish that those who trouble you would even cut themselves off! Galatians 5:7-10, 12 NKJV
- 7 ... there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. Galatians 1:7-9 NKJV

6 "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

- Matthew 18:6 NKJV

Is what you believe in the Bible?

III. I have confidence in the Lord, who works in you. (v. 10)

10 I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; - Galatians 5:10 NKJV

6 being confident of this very thing, that [God] who has begun a good work in you will complete [it] until the day of Jesus Christ; - Philippians 1:6 NKJV

Truths to Take with Us.

- Works as a means of salvation or favor with God is bondage.
- Stand firm in your freedom.
- Place all your hope in Christ and rest expectantly
- Lock shields with other believers