

Do You Want To Be Free?

THE GREAT RACE

Galatians 5:7-12 July 11, 2012 Jeff Schreve

*You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth?
Galatians 5:7*

How are you doing with the race called the Christian life?

1. All Christians start out right.

*This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? **Having begun by the Spirit**, are you now being perfected by the flesh? Galatians 3:2-3*

A. They receive the Holy Spirit.

B. They run in the lane of grace and faith.

2. All Christians have to beware the enemy's hindrances.

A. The devil wants to steal our liberty and joy in Christ.

But it was because of the false brethren who had sneaked in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into bondage. Galatians 2:4

B. The devil wants us to believe a lie.

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32

C. The devil wants us to compromise with "little" sins.

A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough. Galatians 5:9

3. All Christians need the encouragement of the Lord.

*I have confidence in you in the Lord, that you will adopt no other view;
but the one who is disturbing you shall bear his judgment, whoever
he is. Galatians 5:10*

A. God is for His children.

This I know, that God is for me. Psalm 56:9

B. God is against those who try to hurt His children.

*... the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to
keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,
and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires
and despise authority. 2 Peter 2:9-10*

C. God wants His children to embrace the cross alone.

*But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still
persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been
abolished. Would that those who are troubling you would
even mutilate themselves. Galatians 5:11-12*

How are you doing in the great race?