

Galatians 5:7~ You were running well. Who hindered you from keeping on obeying the truth?

- 1· Paul now asks the Galatians; You were running well, who made you stop obeying the truth? Why have they readily accepted other thinking, than what they were taught?

[Question] What were the Galatians told about the way, that they were running in the race for life?

[Question] Why did they then, start thinking another way?

- 2· Today we can readily see, that there may have been good reasons for accepting the counsel of others, for Paul was clearly wrong in this matter of circumcision, and perhaps others at the time saw the issue more clearly than he did, for he always equates circumcision as part of the Law Covenant, which it is not. However Paul's argument about not returning to the practice of things under the Law Covenant, is entirely valid, just not respecting circumcision.

[Question] What can we clearly see today, that may not have been fully expressed then?

[Question] What may some of the Jewish converts have realize, better than even Paul did?

[Question] What argument of Paul's though, is completely valid about the Law Covenant?

- 3· Do you not know that the runners in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may attain it. (**1 Corinthians 9:24**)

[Question] If only the winner of a race gets the prize, then how should we race?

- 4· Are you so senseless? After starting in spirit are you now being completed in flesh? (**Galatians 3:3**)

[Question] What turning back to the Law Covenant, would be like completing their course in the flesh?

- 5· However, for those who are contentious and who disobey the **truth**, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and anger. (**Romans 2:8**)

[Question] What will happen to those who are contentious, and disobey the truth?

- 6· But thanks to God that you were the slaves of sin, but you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were handed over. (**Romans 6:17**)

[Question] What were all anointed Christians originally slaves to, but what did they become obedient from the heart to?

- 7· For we are overturning reasonings and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God. We are bringing every thought into captivity, to make it obedient to the Christ. (**2 Corinthians 10:5**)

[Question] What are Christians overturning, through their preaching work?

[Question] What are they making every thought captive to, and obedient to?

- 8· I marvel that you are being so quickly removed from the One who called you with Christ's undeserved kindness, over to another sort of Good News. (**Galatians 1:6**)

[Question] What other sort of Good News were they being removed to?

- 9· But I went up as a result of a revelation. And I laid before them the Good News which I am preaching among the nations, privately, however, before those who were outstanding men, for fear that somehow I was **running**, or had run in vain. (**Galatians 2:2**)

[Question] How did Paul check his work in Christianity with the older men in Jerusalem after many years of preaching the Good News of God's Kingdom?

- 10· O senseless Galatians, who is it that brought you under evil influence, you before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly portrayed impaled? (**Galatians 3:1**)

[Question] What does Paul ask the Galatians, since Christ was portrayed to them as impaled?

- 11· Furthermore, many will follow their acts of loose conduct, and on account of these the way of the **truth** will be spoken of abusively. (**2 Peter 2:2**)

[Question] What would many Christians follow in, and with what result?