

Galatians 5:1-12

- 1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty with which Christ has made us free, and do not again be held with the yoke of bondage.
 - 2 Behold, I, Paul, say to you that if you are circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.
 - 3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do all the Law,
 - 4 you who are justified by Law are deprived of all effect from Christ; you fell from grace.
 - 5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness out of faith.
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- 1 C'est pour la liberté que Christ nous a affranchis. Demeurez donc fermes, et ne vous laissez pas mettre de nouveau sous le joug de la servitude.
 - 2 Voici, moi Paul, je vous dis que, si vous vous faites circoncire, Christ ne vous servira de rien.
 - 3 Et je proteste encore une fois à tout homme qui se fait circoncire, qu'il est tenu de pratiquer la loi tout entière.
 - 4 Vous êtes séparés de Christ, vous tous qui cherchez la justification dans la loi; vous êtes déçus de la grâce.
 - 5 Pour nous, c'est de la foi que nous attendons, par l'Esprit, l'espérance de la justice.

- 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any strength, but faith working through love.**
- 7 You were running well. Who hindered you that you do not obey the truth?**
- 8 This persuasion is not from Him who calls you.**
- 9 A little leaven leavens all the lump.**
- 10 I have confidence in you in the Lord, that you will think nothing else, but that he troubling you shall bear the judgment, whoever he may be.**
- 11 And I, brothers, if I yet proclaim circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the offense of the Cross has ceased.**
- 12 I wish that those causing you to doubt will cut themselves off.**

- 6 Car, en Jésus Christ, ni la circoncision ni l'incirconcision n'a de valeur, mais la foi qui est agissante par la charité.**
- 7 Vous couriez bien: qui vous a arrêtés, pour vous empêcher d'obéir à la vérité?**
- 8 Cette influence ne vient pas de celui qui vous appelle.**
- 9 Un peu de levain fait lever toute la pâte.**
- 10 J'ai cette confiance en vous, dans le Seigneur, que vous ne penserez pas autrement. Mais celui qui vous trouble, quel qu'il soit, en portera la peine.**
- 11 Pour moi, frères, si je prêche encore la circoncision, pourquoi suis-je encore persécuté? Le scandale de la croix a donc disparu!**
- 12 Puissent-ils être retranchés, ceux qui mettent le trouble parmi vous!**

Stand, Wait,
Run, Obey

1. A good foundation
2. Nurturing a relationship
3. Desperate to pursue
4. Changed by the truth

1. Stand fast:

A good

foundation

Galatians 5:1

- Stand fast therefore in the liberty with which Christ has made us free, and do not again be held with the yoke of bondage.

We need a
proper standing

What is our standing?

Christ and what Christ
has done

Galatians 5:4

- you who are justified by Law are deprived of all effect from Christ; you fell from grace

Our standing is not
based on what we can
do for God

Our works

- Being polite and courteous
- How hard we study
- How many good grades we can get
- How much we read the Bible
- How much we pray
- How many meetings we attend

The work of Christ

- He died for us
- The righteous for the unrighteous
- The blood He shed on the cross cleanses us from all our sins, past, present and future
- To redeem us from the curse of the law
For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do all the Law (5:3)
- When we try to live a Christian life based on our works, we are cursed

What do we need to
do?

Believe in Jesus Christ
and stand fast in Jesus
Christ and what He has
done

**2. Wait:
nurturing a
relationship**

Galatians 5:5

- For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness out of faith.

Nurturing a relationship

By the Spirit

- Not passive
- Contacting the Spirit
- Enjoying the Spirit
- Drinking the Spirit
- Being filled with the Spirit

Through faith

- Not through our determination or effort
- Through cultivating our relationship with the Lord
- Depending on Him
- Talking to Him
- Accepting the environment He gives us

The hope of righteousness

- Christ is our hope of righteousness
- We have no righteousness of our own
- Our righteousness is Christ and Christ alone
- As we are with Christ and in His presence, He becomes our hope of righteousness

3. Running well:
desperate to
pursue

With such a
standing and
such a
relationship, we
can run

What does it
mean to run?

To run is to pursue with
a goal, with an aim

Philippians 3:12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect, but I am pressing on, if I may lay hold of that for which I also was taken hold of by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13 My brothers, I do not count myself to have taken possession, but one thing I do, forgetting the things behind and reaching forward to the things before,

Philippians 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

To run is to be
desperate

**Desperate to contact
the Lord**

Desperate to spend
time with the Lord

Desperate to grow

Desperate to gain the
Lord

The obstacle to running
is leaven in our heart

Anything that corrupts
our simplicity and purity
in loving the Lord

4. Obey the truth:
changed by the
truth

Running should
result in an
obeying of the
truth

Responding to the
Lord's speaking in
my life

The truth begins
to control or
regulate my living

I live in the
freedom of
Christ, but I am
not free to do
certain things

I live in freedom,
but I live in
restriction

Galatians 5:11

- And I, brothers, if I yet proclaim circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the offense of the Cross has ceased.

Have I ever been
offended by the Cross
of Jesus Christ?

Has the Cross ever cut
me or killed my soul
life?

Have I ever obeyed
that killing of my soul
life and told the Lord,
« Yes, Lord, thank you.
I yield to You? »

Stand	Wait	Run	Obey
A good foundation	Nurturing a relationship	Desperate to pursue	Changed by the truth
Our standing is Christ and what Christ has done, not what we can do for God	By the Spirit: contacting, enjoying, drinking the Spirit	To run is to pursue with a goal, an aim	Responding to the Lord's speaking in our life, being regulated by the truth which is in the word of God
The work of Christ: to die for us, the righteous for the unrighteous, to cleanse us from our sins with His precious blood	Through faith: cultivating a relationship with the Lord, depending on Him, talking to Him, accepting from Him our environment	Desperate to contact the Lord, to spend time with the Lord, to gain the Lord as our prize, to grow, to be perfected	Living in freedom, but living also in restriction; free in Christ, but restricted by Christ
What do we need to do? To believe in Jesus to receive the forgiveness of our sins and to receive the life of God	Christ is our hope of righteousness, not our own righteousness through our own efforts	The obstacle to running may be the leaven in our heart, something which distracts us from purely loving Jesus	Offended or killed by the cross of Christ; our soul life being put to death so we can yield to the Lord's will