

What Hath Hindered You?

GALATIANS 5

4 † Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

» 5 † For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

» 6 † For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

» 7 † Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

GALATIANS 3:1

1 ¶ O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

GALATIANS 5:10 I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

58-0610 - The Mighty Conqueror:

6. And just remember this; that's a good lesson for the church of the living God. If we don't play the game according to the rules, we'll be disqualified at the end. You have to keep the rules of the game to win. And if the rules of the game in this place, is a man must be borned again to enter into the fellowship of Christ and His church, and we might be the greatest denomination on earth, but if we haven't played the rules of the game, we'll be disqualified at the end. We've got to come straight with God's rules. It isn't our rules; it's His rules, that we've got to abide by. We're running the race according to His rules, and we have to abide by them.

60-0729 - What It Takes To Overcome All Unbelief: Our Faith

51 There's an old proverb that's more than a proverb. No matter how—who is there first, you have to play the rules of the game or you'll never win. If a runner is running around the track, and one takes a short cut, and cuts through the field, and beats the other one there by a half hour, still he will be disqualified at the end of the race. He's got to play it according to the rules of the game or he's disqualified. And that's the way we have to do, the race of life that we're running now, it's has to be played according to God's qualifications or we'll lose when we get there. Whether we're president, whether we are the governor, or a minister, or who—what church we belong to, or what denomination, the rules of the game has to be kept. We must run it fair; we must play it by the rules. We must preach the Word. We must do it willingly.

62-1013 - The Influence Of Another

67 When you're playing a ball game, as it's football season, the thing we want to do, is not everybody try to take the ball away from the man that's got it. He is trying to guard that man, protect him, let him get through. We're trying to make a goal. See?

68 But could you imagine a team so untrained as to find one man, their own man, with the ball running to the field goal, and then instead of trying to knock the enemy away from him, the opposing team, to let your own man that's got the ball take off with it, every man trying to take the ball out of his hand? Why, you're bound to lose.

69 And today we have the same thing. When we see God come on the scene and going to bless a certain thing, let's keep all the enemies away from it. Let's use our influences as tackles, not runners, tackles that protects the runner, lets him pack the ball through; because there's no opposition, all he has to do is just keep running. And we should be tackles.

65 Door to the Door

66 Now if you try to take the ball away from your own man, you're just messing up your team. Guard your man, see. Keep guarding him, keep the rest of them so he can make the run. And we'll have the touchdown after a while, and Jesus will come, and then it will all be over. The Lord bless you.

62-0531 - The Conflict Between God And Satan

58 God knew this great warfare was coming on, between right and wrong, and He knew what the enemy was going to do. He knewed just exactly how to equip His people. So if we notice, the very first thing that God equipped His children was... Being infinite, He knowed what it took to defeat Satan, any time, any place, anywhere, on any conditions. Now, He wouldn't say, "I'll give them something here, and then a few years later, I may study out something better to give them, and then after a few years later."

I Corinthians 9

24 † ¶ Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

» 25 † And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

» 26 † **I therefore so run**, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

» 27 † But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

PHILIPPIANS 3:14

14 **I press** toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus

press: to run swiftly in order to catch a person or thing, to run after; to press on: figuratively of one who in a race runs swiftly to reach the goal; to pursue (in a hostile manner)

mark: the distant mark looked at, the goal or end one has in view

1017 brabeion {**brab-i'-on**} from brabeus (an umpire of uncertain derivation); TDNT -- 1:637,110; n n

AV -- prize (2)

1) the award to the victor in the games, a prize, metaph. of the heavenly reward for Christian character

calling: a call, invitation: to a feast, the divine invitation to embrace salvation in the kingdom of God

An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - Chapter Four - The Smyrnaean Church Age

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II TIMOTHY 4:7

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished[my] course, I have kept the faith:

II TIMOTHY 4:8

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Course is an alternate word for the word **run** that we looked at earlier.

1a) of persons in haste; of those who run in a race course

1b) metaph. of doctrine rapidly propagated; by a metaphor taken from runners in a race, to exert one's self, strive hard; to spend one's strength in performing or attaining something; word occurs in Greek writings denoting to incur extreme peril, which it requires the exertion of all one's effort to overcome.

What It Takes To Overcome All Unbelief; Our Faith 07/29/2

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church we belong to, or what denomination, the rules of the game has to be kept. We must run it fair; we must play it by the rules. We must preach the Word. We must do it willingly.

Paul said in, I believe, in Hebrews the 12th chapter, "That seeing we are compassed about with such a great cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth easily beset us, that we might run with patience the race that's set before us." Paul was speaking in the Olympics and so forth; that was in Greece and Rome, and so forth; he knewed that you had to play that game fair, for if you did not, you'd be disqualified.

And tonight, as borned again Christians, as believers here at the end time, we've got to play the game according to the rules. We've got to run with patience the race that's set before us, looking to the Author and Finisher, Jesus Christ.

Escape Hither, Come Quickly 02/02/58

« E-38 † Oh, yes. Brother, I say this. Hurry, escape; you haven't got much more time. These great big old ecclesiastical walls are going to fall one of these days. You better run quickly while you got a chance. Get out of the world. Come into Christ. When you see the hot breath of judgment hanging on each side, now swinging eighteen hundred miles an hour around, or eighteen thousand miles an hour, around and around the world, and a sinful nation with their hand on a button that could send us all to powder in five minutes... Don't look for something great to come, a great revival; you look for the coming of the Lord. Be ready now. The devil's only blinding your eyes to these things.

The Smyrnaean Church Age

"And I will give thee a crown of life." Since not even a cup of cold water given in the Name of the Lord fails to receive a reward, how great shall be the reward to him who gives his life as a martyr for the Name of the Lord Jesus. Perhaps we can get a small idea if we compare this crown with the crown won in a race.

In I Corinthians 9:24, Paul says,

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