

Staying in the Race – Galatians 5:7
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After the apostle Paul evangelized the Roman province of Galatia, heretical teachers infiltrated the Galatian churches, teaching a gospel based upon Jewish works and causing many to fall away from the doctrines of grace and faith in Christ alone. In calling the Galatians back to the true gospel, Paul uses the metaphor of an athletic event, through which we may discern *three principles* encouraging us to stay in the Christian race:

1. The Christian life is pictured as a race.
You ran well.

2. As in any race, it is possible to stumble.
 - A. Stumbling is caused by a person.
Who hindered you...

 - B. Stumbling is manifest through disobedience.
...from obeying the truth?

3. If we stumble, we must get back into the race.