Hindering the Truth
Gal. 5:7-26

Introduction:
A. How often could the question of verse 7 be asked?
   1. Of churches?
   2. Of individuals?
B. Galatians bothered by three timeless hindrances to obeying the truth?

Discussion:

II. The Undermining Hindrance Of Doctrinal Error. (vv. 7-12).
   A. False doctrine is like leaven - works undercover. (v. 9; Cf. 2:4-5; 2 Pet. 2:1)
   B. Few churches destroyed by error that begins in pulpit.
      1. It often starts as privately expressed views.
      2. It often starts in the pew - later installed in pulpits. (2 Tim. 4:4).

   A. Necessary to contend for the faith. (2:5,11-14; Jude 3).
   B. Unnecessary to turn every question into an “issue”.
      1. Such a thing as being obsessed with disputes. (1 Tim. 6:4).
      2. Such a thing as useless wrangling (constant friction). (1 Tim. 6:5).
      3. Such a thing as foolish disputes or unlearned questions. (2 Tim. 2:23; Tit. 3:9).
         a. Disputes over what law gentiles were under.
         b. “John the Baptist could talk when 8 days old.”.
      4. Such a thing as not allowing for individual growth and discernment. (Rom. 14).
      5. Such a thing as childish strife. (1 Cor. 3:1-4).
   C. Necessary to make distinctions in differences.

IV. The Destructive Hindrance of Carnal Mindedness. (v. 16-26).
   A. Fleshly sensuality. (“Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness”).
   B. Fleshly cults: (“idolatry, sorcery [witchcraft]”).
   C. Fleshly dispositions. (“hatred” through “envy”).
   D. Fleshly pleasures. (“drunkenness” and “revelry”).

Conclusion:
A. Who or what hinders you from obeying the truth?
B. How well are you running?