

**GALATIANS 5:7-12**  
*“The Opposition”*





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# BIBLE STUDY

**Text in Questions**

# REVIEW & OVERVIEW OF PARAGRAPH

**Why the intense tone of the letter?**

**What is the error of legalism?**

## Chapter 5 OVERVIEW

**A.5:1-6 Stand firm! Do not submit! Consequences if you do.**

**B.5:7-12 Who hindered you?**

**C.5:13-18 Walk by the spirit in freedom**

**D.5:19-26 Deeds of the flesh, Fruit of the spirit.**

## Chapter 5:7-12

1. V7-10 You VS The Opposition
2. V11 Paul's Defense
3. V12 Paul's wish for ... the opposition

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**Romans 2:8–10** But to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. <sup>9</sup> There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek, <sup>10</sup> but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

## **Truth of God demands obedience**

**2 Thessalonians 1:6–8** 6 For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

- 1. Rom 6:16-22**
- 2. Rom 15:18**
- 3. Rom 16:26**
- 4. 1 Peter 1:22**

## V8 What's the source?

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**2 Corinthians 11:12–15** But what I am doing I will continue to do, so that I may cut off opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the matter about which they are boasting. <sup>13</sup> For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup> No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. <sup>15</sup> Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.



What does leaven represent?

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## **2 Peter 2:1–3**

**But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. 2 Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; 3 and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.**

## **Revelation 2:12–16**

**“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this: 13 ‘I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. 14 ‘But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality. 15 ‘So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 ‘Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.**

## **The Opposition**

- 1. Hindering you from obeying**
- 2. Persuading**
- 3. Disturbing you with confusion**
- 4. Not from God**
- 5. Ruining it all with a little**
- 6. They will be judged by God.**

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Did Paul ever preach  
circumcision?



**12 I wish that those who are troubling you  
would even mutilate themselves.**

**Part 3: V12  
Paul's Wish**

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**A moment of anger?  
Verbiage too harsh?**

Questions?

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **4/13 Women's Conference**
- **4/21 Members' Meeting**
- **4/21 New Member's Class Starts 9:30am**
- **4/26 Praise and Prayer**
- **5/4 @ 9-12 Special Seminar :  
Abortion, Birth Control, IVF**



- 1. Personally, what's the first test that comes to your mind on how you can tell if someone is a false teacher? (Please share things more specifically than "they have to be biblical"). How would you respond if someone says, we shouldn't be judging anyone at church, we should accept all even if their views are different?**
- 2. When is it appropriate to feel righteous indignation? How is it different from outbursts of anger that we'll learn about later in Galatians?**
- 3. What are some personal applications for you from today's warning and teaching about knowing the opposition?**
- 4. Please share prayer requests and personal reflection for this week.**

## **Discussion Questions**