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THE LAW LEADS TO LOSS

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Three things we LOSE when we abandon grace for the law...

I. YOU LOSE YOUR _____. (THE SLAVE)

- A. Freedom: Use it (embrace it) or ______ it. GALATIANS 5:1 "It is for <u>freedom</u> that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.
- B. The ______ on you! GALATIANS 5:1b ...do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

II. YOU LOSE YOUR _____. (THE DEBTOR)

- A. Jesus loses ______ when you trust in your works. GALATIANS 5:2 Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you <u>let</u> yourselves be circumcised, <u>Christ will be of no value to you at all</u>.
 - >> The debt we couldn't pay (Luke 7:36-50)
- B. Don't miss the "______". (S.S. Jesus) GALATIANS 5:3 Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. 4 You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.
- C. ______ in Jesus is your only hope of rescue! GALATIANS 5:5-6 "But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness * for which we hope. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."

III. YOU LOSE YOUR _____. (THE RUNNER)

- A. Run in such a way as to _____! 1 CORINTHIANS 9:24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the <u>prize</u>.
- B. Be careful who you ______ with. GALATIANS 5:7 "You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the <u>truth?</u> 8That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. 9 "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough."
- C. "Works-doping" will ______you the race. GALATIANS 5:10I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion will pay the penalty, whoever he may be." 11 Brothers, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. 12 As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and <u>emasculate</u> themselves!

>> Good News: JESUS + NOTHING = VICTORY!

IV. SUMMARY:

A. When you abandon Grace for the Law ... you always