

Study: Galatians

Text: Galatians 4:12-20

“PAUL’S ARGUMENT BASED UPON PERSONAL TESTIMONY”

Key Verses: Galatians 4:16 Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

So far in our study, we have seen Paul as a great theologian defending the faith against the Judaizers who were false teachers, preaching a false gospel—a gospel of works. His message has been stern, filled with rebuke for their following after “another gospel.”

I. Paul’s _____ to the Galatian Saints (v. 12-13)

A. His _____ was for them to be _____ (v. 12)

“Be as I am—free as I am!”

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:36 If the **Son** therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed [*truly free*].

B. His _____ was with sacrifice (v. 13)

“through” – He reveals his _____ appointment saying that it was because of his sickness that he came to them.

II. The Saints _____ toward Paul (v. 14-16)

A. They had _____ him (v. 14-15)

1. Showing him _____ (v. 14)

Consider Christ’s words to the disciples.

Luke 10:16 He that heareth you heareth **Me**; and he that despiseth you despiseth **Me**; and he that despiseth **Me** despiseth **Him** that sent **Me**.

Faithful messengers of God are to be received. Our actions and attitudes toward them reveal our actions and attitudes toward Christ as the One who sent them.

2. Showing him _____ (v. 15)

B. They now _____ him (v. 16)

A good relationship is based upon truth. Paul desires that these saints know the truth. With a heart of love for them he begs them to wake up to the truth.

III. Paul’s _____ toward the Saints (v. 17-20)

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove [*address an error*], rebuke [*warn of the consequences*], exhort [*encourage*] with all longsuffering [*patience*] and doctrine [*instruction*].

A. The _____ and their goal (v. 17)

Paul clearly exposes the intentions of the Judaizers. He calls for the Galatian saints to consider their intentions. He wants them to see how they do not have their best interests in mind.

When Paul first came to Galatia his desire was to win them over to Christ’s side while in contrast the Judaizers desired to win them over to their own side.

B. The deceived and their _____ (v. 18-20)

Notice the heart of Paul as he continues his faithful stewardship over these saints.

1. Paul’s _____ (v. 18-19)

Proverbs 27:6 Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.

“**My little children,...**” – This is a strong term of endearment. Paul speaks from a sincere heart of love of these, his children in the faith.

2. Paul’s _____ (v. 20)

Q: What is your attitude when you hear the convicting words of God? How do you respond?

Q: Do you read and listen just going through the motions hoping others are listening because they need to be changed?

What is my next step?

(*Put off*) What must I put off that is both hinder my walk with Christ or someone else’s?

(*Renew your mind*) What qualities or Words of Christ must I meditate upon?

(*Put on*) What qualities of Christ must I seek to have as a characteristic of my life?

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it – James 1:21-25
Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ – Eph. 4:22-24

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1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (***Put OFF***)

2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (***Renew***)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?

3. What does God say to me in this text? (***Renew***)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?

 - d. What example to follow?

4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (***Renew***)

5. In light of what I have heard from God,... (***Put ON***)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)

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