

“HAVE I BECOME YOUR ENEMY BECAUSE I TELL YOU THE TRUTH?”

(Galatians 4:11-16)

I. PAUL DEFENDS HIS AUTHORITY AND THE ORIGINATION OF HIS GOSPEL (Gal. 1 & 2)

II. PAUL DEFENDS JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (Gal. 3 & 4)

A. The PROOFS that the Gospel of GRACE is true (3:1-29)

B. The POSITION of SONSHIP in Christ (4:1-7)

C. The PASTORAL CONCERN of Paul toward the Galatian Churches. (4:11-20)

1. Paul’s pastoral concern regarding these believers and their current problems (4:11-12)

- a. The Galatians were departing from the one and only Gospel of _____ to a form of _____ promoted by the Judaizers. (1:6-9)

* Does this happen today?

- b. As a result of embracing this deceitful doctrine, the Galatians had rejected Paul’s apostolic _____, and the _____ of his message. (1:11-2:14)

* Is this a problem in our day?

- c. In v. 11 Paul was not afraid of them, but he was afraid _____ them, he was concerned that all his hard labor would not reach God's ultimate objective, genuine _____ . (4:11)

* Do any of us have the potential to not allow the Lord to fulfill His will in our lives?

- d. The Apostle _____ these believers to forsake legalism and return to the teachings and practice of _____. (4:12)

- e. Paul’s motivation was due to the grace principle; he had once been like them, entrenched in _____. (4:12)

2. The Galatians' "initial" personal concern for their beloved apostle (4:13-15)

- a. From v. 13, it seems apparent that Paul intentionally went to southern Galatia because he had a _____, but despite this, he still ended up faithfully _____ the Gospel to them. (4:13)
- b. Despite the apostle's _____ from his physical trial, the Galatians welcomed him with open arms and accepted his authority and message as if he were an _____ from _____. (4:14)
- c. All of this then resulted in a _____ by the Galatians for Paul's ministry and message. (4:15)

3. The Galatians' "present" coldness to the man who had led them to Christ and faithfully taught them truth (4:16)

- a. Due to the embrace of _____ teaching, they no longer viewed Paul with loving kindness, but now with _____ and disdain, as an _____. (4:16)

* Who changed? Was it Paul or was it the Galatians?

* What is ironic about their behavior?

- b. A faithful pastor must always speak God's _____ principally and practically, even when it is _____ with his own congregation.

* How does this apply to you personally?