

“THE LORD’S GOAL IS TO SEE CHRIST FORMED IN YOU”

(Galatians 4:17-20)

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)

2. The Galatians’ “initial” personal concern for their beloved apostle (4:13-15)

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

4. Paul’s description of the wolves among his sheep (4:17-18)

a. The “they” mentioned in v. 17 is a reference to the _____
who were presently deceiving these Galatian believers. (1:7; 4:17; 5:7, 10, 12; 6:12-13)

b. The Judaizers enthusiastically _____ these spiritually young believers, but it was not for their own spiritual _____ or benefit.

c. The legalists were pursuing the Galatians with ulterior motives to _____ them from proper grace teaching, and as Paul wrote, “that you may be zealous _____.”

* How does a false teacher do this practically speaking?

d. To be sure that he was not misunderstood, the Apostle clarified something regarding zeal; “it is _____ to be _____ (with the right motives) in a _____ thing” (that honors the Lord).

* What does this phrase, “*not only when I am present with you*” tell us about Paul?

5. Paul’s personal care and concern for his sheep (4:19-20)

a. His affection for the saints in Galatia is expressed by the fatherly phrase, “*my _____*.”

* How does this reveal the apostle’s current approach?

b. His binding commitment to these believers is likened to, “_____ *in* _____ *again.*”

* What does he mean by this statement?

c. His dedication for the Galatians was relentless (“*until*”), with the primary goal that, “*Christ be _____.*”

* How is this last phrase in v. 19 so crucial to understand Paul’s overall argument against legalism?

d. Paul’s intense desire was actually to be _____ with the Galatians, and to be able to _____ his _____ from one of correction and rebuke to that of encouragement.

* Should the last statement in v. 20 give us cause for concern that Paul doubted their salvation?

* How can you personally apply this truth?