

Galatians 4 (Part 2) :8-20 Study Notes • “Have I now become your enemy?”

Explore It

- Before becoming Christians, to what were the Galatians enslaved? (4:8)
- After they became believers, in what way were the Galatians turning back to the principles of paganism? (4:9-10)
- Why did these Christians go back to observing the Mosaic calendar? (4:9-10)
- What was the essence of Paul’s strong statement to the Galatians in verse 11? (4:11)
 - Explain what he meant.
- Why did Paul tell the Christians to follow his example? (4:12)
- What had been Paul’s experience with the Galatian believers? (4:12-14)
- How had the Galatians esteemed Paul in the past? (4:15)
- Why did the believers turn away from Paul? (4:16)
- In Paul’s opinion, what were the motives of the Jewish Legalists? (4:17)
- How did Paul express his attitude toward the Galatians? (4:19-20)
- How did Paul want his "dear children" to change? (4:19)
- What did Paul mean when he said he was in the “anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you” ?? (4:19)
- Why did Paul want to be with the believers? (4:20)

Get It

- Why is legalism so dangerous?
- What does it produce in the lives of those who embrace it?
- What are some of the "weak and miserable principles" by which non-Christians live their lives today?
- Which of those principles is the greatest temptation for believers to turn back to?
- Paul asked if he had now become their enemy simply because he told them the truth. When have you turned away from friends because you didn’t like what they had to say?
- What would you say to a fellow believer who was beginning to adopt legalistic rules?
- What other things can we do to encourage others to hang on to grace and not get sucked into legalism?

Apply It

- What reminders can we set in place in our lives to make sure we never add anything to the simple Gospel that Jesus did it all?
- After reminding the Galatians of how much they had loved and served him during his stay in their area, Paul asked them what had happened to change all that. What can we do to keep the fervor of our love for the Lord?