

ONLINE SERMON
DON'T GIVE UP ON PEOPLE
PART 2 OF 2
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(Review)

- **IT'S EASY TO GET DISCOURAGED BY PUTTING A TIME LIMIT ON GOD TO ACT.**
- **GOD IS AT WORK EVEN WHEN WE CANNOT SEE MOVEMENT.**

Paul does two things to re-establish his credibility with these confused Christians in Galatia.

- 1) He reminded these churches in Galatia that the message he gave them was not founded in human reason and understanding. The Source of his words to them was CHRIST.

Ref Galatians 1.11,12

- 2) My life has changed because of God's GRACE.

Galatians 1.13

You know what I was like when I followed the Jewish religion—how I violently persecuted God's church. I did my best to destroy it.

Paul's changed life must have taken people by surprise because **Galatians 1.23** says:

All they knew was that people were saying, "The one who used to persecute us is now preaching the very faith he tried to destroy!"

2 Corinthians 5.17

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun.

Paul would know:

OLD LIFE = SLAVE TO SIN

NEW LIFE = SLAVE OF CHRIST

Only with God...

- Someone far from God today could someday be a devoted follower of the God they hate today. *(Happens all the time.)*
- Someone you love who shows no interest in the ways of God, may someday be leading people in the ways of God. *(Never give up on people even when all the indicators point toward defeat and despair.)*
- You may be stuck in a sinful pattern and sinking fast. What if you willingly submitted to Christ's invitation and began to make your way back home?

Dear Lord,

I admit that I am a sinner. I have done many things that don't please You. I have lived my life for myself only. I am sorry, and I repent. I ask You to forgive me. I believe that You died on the cross for me, to save me. You did what I could not do for myself. I come to You now and ask You to take control of my life; I give it to You. From this day forward, help me to live every day for You and in a way that pleases You. I love You, Lord, and I thank You that I will spend all eternity with You. Amen.