

L12: Galatians 4:12-20: The Blessedness of the Gospel

Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- The foolishness of removal from the adoption of sons

Sermon Preview:

- Paul's personal relationship with the Galatians starting with his preaching of the gospel to them
- The Galatians blessedness of the gospel and the messenger
- The real enemy
- Travailing in birth for Christ to be formed in you

Sermon:

(Galatians 4:12) Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; for I am as ye are: ye have not injured me at all.

- **"Brethren, I beseech you"** - exhortation in view of the correction
- **"be as I am; for I am as ye are"** - they haven't added anything to Paul, they are as Paul, and they need to be as Paul.
 - **"ye have not injured me at all."** - wrong, hurt, offender

(Galatians 4:13) Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first.

- **"Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh"** - not simply suffering, but for Christ's sake
- **"I preached the gospel unto you at the first."** - remembering what took place at the first
 - Remembrance is always to take place (1 Cor. 4, 11, 15) of what they believed and the context in which they believed it
 - Didn't take notice that Paul is distributed the gospel, but that he is suffering
 - Gal. 3:4

(Galatians 4:14) And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.

- They didn't reject that he was suffering for it.
- Received him as an angel of God (authority), even as Christ the very one who suffered and died for them.

(Galatians 4:15) Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.

- They recognized the blessedness and spake of it
- The degree of what they thought of the blessedness and Paul who shared the blessing of the gospel
 - They would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me
 - They thought the gospel was such a blessing that they wanted others to hear it and knew Paul was sent to preach it and wanted him to do so without hinderance that they would have, if possible, given him their own eyes. (extreme measure of understand blessing)
 - Some give money, some give time, some give encouragement and words, others give up of their bodies for the sake of the gospel.

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

- The probing question of, "what happened?"
- They are viewing him in polar opposite perspective
 - Blessing to a curse, when they went from blessing to curse.

(Galatians 4:17) They zealously affect you, but not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them.

- They have changed from being "affected" by "they"
- "zealously affect you, but not well" - contrary to Christ
 - "yea they would exclude you" - they would separate from you
 - "that ye might affect them" - so that you don't affect them

(Galatians 4:18) But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you.

- "But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing" - they are not leading in a good thing
- "and not only when I am present with you." - they have done this in his absence, but they didn't need to be foolish in his absence, but rather should have zealously remembered the truth of the gospel, the blessedness of the gospel in view of what

is being taught

(Galatians 4:19) My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

- They are God's sons and daughters, but as far as learning what they need to, they are "children"
 - 1 Cor. 13 - children to adults
- **"of whom I travail in birth again"** - teach them these things all over again
 - **"until Christ be formed in you"** - from start to finish engage in the process of others being conformed to His image.

(Galatians 4:20) I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.

- Paul's personal warning
- They were soon bewitched when he left and he wants to be there with them right now
- **"change my voice"** - use Corinthian "sharpness"
- **"for I stand in doubt of you."** -
 - **"in doubt"** - of what? Of their recovery for they have so removed themselves, so departed that their recovery seems hopeless

Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize