

# JESUS + NOTHING = EVERYTHING

A TEACHING SERIES IN GALATIANS

## Facing Influences that Lead People to Turn Back 6/11/23

*Gal. 4:8-20*

### 1. Don't turn \_\_\_\_\_ from the gospel. (Gal. 4:8-11)

- The Galatians were previously Greek, polytheistic pagans, not Jews.
- The “stoicheia” were spiritual forces behind the false gods (Gal. 4:9)
- Myth: All religions are worshipping the same God.
  - Truth: There is only \_\_\_\_\_ God, and he is accessed through Christ (John 14:6)
  - Truth: There are stoicheia, demonic forces, behind the world \_\_\_\_\_.
- Paul feared for them, but he didn't \_\_\_\_\_ on them. (Gal. 4:11, 19-20)

### 2. Become Like \_\_\_\_\_. (Gal. 4:12-16)

- In what way? In the sense that he was \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ
- “In Christ, you are unconditionally loved, totally accepted and 100% forgiven.”
- In spite of his illness, God used him.

### 3. Beware of \_\_\_\_\_ that draw you away from the Truth (Gal. 4:17-18)

- The enemy will often use those who...
  - ...are Zealous, passionate influencers.
  - ...claim Superiority.
- There are often \_\_\_\_\_ (stoicheia) behind the negative influencer, that the influencer is not even aware of.

### 4. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ on your Spiritual Children. (Gal. 4:19-20)

- The goal is “to see \_\_\_\_\_ formed” in them.
- Prayer - Pray for them daily.
- Presence - Be present and show you care.
- Proclamation - Proclaim the gospel and biblical truth as opportunities arise.

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## Galatians 4:8-20

<sup>8</sup> Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. <sup>9</sup> But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces [*stoicheia*]? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? <sup>10</sup> You are observing special days and months and seasons and years! <sup>11</sup> I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you.

<sup>12</sup> I plead with you, brothers and sisters, become like me, for I became like you. You did me no wrong. <sup>13</sup> As you know, it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you, <sup>14</sup> and even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus himself. <sup>15</sup> Where, then, is your blessing of me now? I can testify that, if you could have done so, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. <sup>16</sup> Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth?

<sup>17</sup> Those people are zealous to win you over, but for no good. What they want is to alienate you from us, so that you may have zeal for them. <sup>18</sup> It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always, not just when I am with you. <sup>19</sup> My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, <sup>20</sup> how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!

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