



Galatians: *No Other Gospel!*

Paul's Personal Plea Galatians 4:8-20

Introduction

The Problem

❖ **Galatians 4:8**

❖ **Galatians 4:9**

1. A clarification of the order salutis

- ❖ Luke 19:10—"the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."
- ❖ 1 John 4:10—In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
- ❖ John 15:16—You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide

2. How can you go back?

❖ **Galatians 4:10**

1. What is in view here?

- ❖ Exodus 20:8—*Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*
- ❖ Acts 2:42—*apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

2. Why is this an example of going back to slavery?

❖ **Galatians 4:11**

The Plea

❖ **Galatians 4:12**

1. A change in tone

"It is the part of a wise pastor to consider, not what those who have wandered may justly deserve, but what may be the likeliest method of bringing them back to the right path. He must "be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine." (2 Timothy 4:2.)



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Following the method which he had recommended to Timothy, he leaves off chiding, and begins to use entreaties.¹

2. A call to follow his example

❖ 1 Corinthians 9:22-23—*To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel*

❖ Galatians 4:13-16

1. What is this ailment that Paul speaks of?

❖ Galatians 4:15—*What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me.*

❖ Galatians 6:11—*See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand.*

2. What does he mean by saying that they received him “as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus?”

3. What has become of your blessedness?

4. Have I become your enemy telling you the truth?

❖ Galatians 4:17

❖ Romans 16:18—*For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.*

❖ Galatians 4:18-20

1. The goodness of encouragement

❖ Hebrews 10:25—*encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

2. Paul's love and labor

Closing Applications

1. May we labor in love to see Christ formed in one another (verse 19)

2. May we realize that we will at times be considered the enemy when we speak the truth in love... and yet speak the truth anyway (verse 16)

¹ Calvin's Commentaries, Olivetree Edition