

Galatians

Part 9 // 08.02.09 // Real Care

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[the set up]

Read Galatians 4.8-20

What are your initial thoughts about this passage? What is Paul doing here?

Read Galatians 4.13-16

What do we learn about Paul's relationship with the Galatians?

Who does the most caring for the other? Paul or the Galatians?

How do we know that the Galatians loved Paul?

What do you think has happened that has now made Paul an enemy?

Read Galatians 4.17

When Paul says that the Judizers are "making much" it means they are "flirting" or "courting" the Galatians. Why does Paul say they're doing this?

What does Paul say the results will be?

Read Galatians 4.19

What's the difference between Paul's love for the Galatians and the Judizers?

[a closer look]

Read Galatians 4.8-11

We see in the first half of this passage why Paul would plead so passionately in the second half. What is Paul saying here about the Law? Is it the same or different than the way they lived before they met Jesus?

Why does Paul say they are returning to slavery?

[getting personal]

There is a tendency in us as humans to want to return to that which we've been set free from. What has Jesus set you free from?

In what ways are you tempted to return to those things even though you're free?

Why do people want to return to those things?

What impact do they have on your life?

[Next Steps]

Paul constantly points us in the direction of freedom.

Read Galatians 4.12 and compare it with 1 Corinthians 11.1 and 1 Thessalonians 1.6

What is Paul telling the Galatians to do?

How will this direction help them live in freedom and not return to slavery?

How could it help you?