

# What is a Christian?

## Discipling with Truth & Love

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Galatians 4:8-20

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**GALATIANS: Jesus changes everything** through the Gospel of Grace (& Holy Spirit)

Chap. 1 *Only ONE Gospel (Jesus' Gospel): Saves & changes sinners into Jesus lovers*

Chap. 2 *ONE Gospel can save anyone: Become a Christian (2:16); Live as a Christian (2:20)*

Chap. 3 *Why trusting Jesus alone (not Jesus + ) saves (justifies) sinners; Purpose of the Law*

Chap. 4 *Result: Believers are **redeemed, adopted & indwelt by Holy Spirit***

**Why do you want to turn back** (trying to keep the Law)?

Gal. 4:8-11

Vs. 8 **Before** you KNEW God, what was your life like?

Vs. 9 **But now** you KNOW God, (KNOWN by God), how can you turn back?

Vs. 10 "Elementary principles":

Vs. 11 Paul's fear:

*\*Though a legalistic (trying) approach is normal, it doesn't mean it's right or it works!*

**What happened to your gratitude?**

Gal. 4:12-16

Vs. 12 Become as I am...

Vs. 13-14 God used Paul's 'stuff'...

Vs. 15 Where's your gratitude?

Vs. 16 Am I your enemy?

*\*Legalistic (trying) spirit robs us of our gratitude & joy of experiencing Jesus as our LIFE.*

**Don't be fooled, but listen up!**

Gal. 4:17-20

Vs. 17 False teachers:

Vs. 18 Zeal can be good:

Vs. 19 Paul's pain & purpose:

Vs. 20 Paul's perplexion:

*\*Discipling always involves ups & downs, three steps forward, two steps back.*

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## Principles to apply

1. It's tempting \_\_\_\_\_ (8-11)
2. It's imperative \_\_\_\_\_ (12)
3. God often uses \_\_\_\_\_ (13)
4. Truth often hurts \_\_\_\_\_ (16)
5. Discipling Goal: \_\_\_\_\_ (19)

**Salvation Equation:** God's Work + Man's Response = Eternal life/Total forgiveness

Rom. 1:16/1 Cor. 15:1-2 (Gospel) (Saving faith)

**Gospel:** Good news about Jesus Christ: His Person / His Work / His Accomplishment

1 Cor. 15:3-5/Gal. 1:12

**Saving faith:** Repentance (stop trusting self) & trusting only in Jesus (His Gospel)

Rom. 10:9-10/Gal. 2:16

Once saved...Always saved...For those who are truly saved!

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