

SET FREE! - A Study of the Book of Galatians

“Time to Grow Up!”

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Galatians 4:1-19 (Scripture Reading 4:19-20)

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Introduction:

- A. What do you want to _____ when you _____?
- B. Even if we _____, that is no guarantee that we have grown up or _____.
- C. Paul takes three approaches in this section as he seeks to convince the Galatians that they don't need the _____ or _____ in order to grow up as Christians.

I. Paul Explained Their _____ (4:1-7)

- A. What we were—Children in _____.
- B. What God did for us—He _____ and _____ us.
- C. What we are—We are _____ and _____.

II. Paul Lamented Their _____ (4:8-11)

- A. What Paul was trying to tell them was that trying to _____ one's own salvation through biblical morality and religion is just as much enslavement to _____ as outright paganism and all its immoral practices.
- B. In the end, the law keeping religious person is as lost and enslaved as the irreligious person, because both are trying to be their own _____ and _____.
- C. Verse 9 is interesting - which is most important that we _____ God, or that God _____ us?

III. Paul Sought Their _____ (4:12-20)

- A. Paul reminded them about their past _____.
- B. Paul asked them a critical question: “Have I become your _____ by telling you the _____?”
- C. Paul contrasted his _____ concern for the Galatians and the right kind of _____ he conducted, with the wrong ministry and motives of the Judaizers.

Conclusion:

- A. Ask Ourselves: What am I trusting in for my _____?
- B. Explore: Am I really experiencing my _____ and _____ from God?
- C. Consider our _____ and _____ in ministry: Am I helping others grow up in Christ?
- D. Ask Ourselves: Am I willing to hear the _____ even if I don't _____ it?

Answer Key: A. Be, grow, up. B. age, mature. C. Law, legalism. I. Adoption. I.A. bondage. I.B. redeemed, adopted. I.C. sons, heirs. II. Regression. II.A. earn, idols. II.B. savior, lord. II.C. know, knows. III. Affection. III.A. relationship. III.B. enemy, truth. III.C. sincere, ministry. Concl.A. salvation. B. redemption, adoption. C. motives, goals. D. hear, like.