

# GALATIANS 4:8-20

## ○ Aim

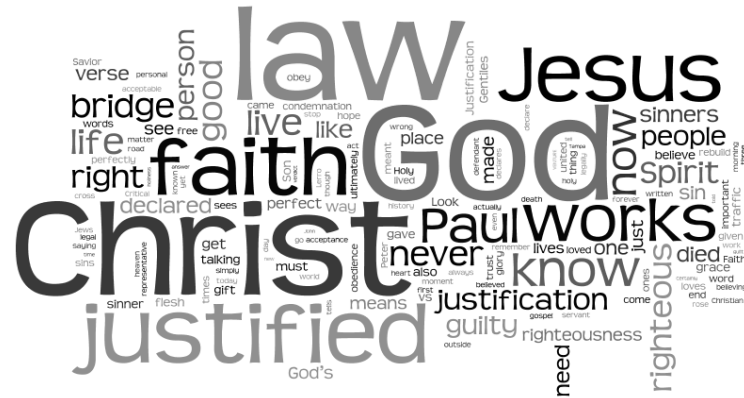
- What would Christians lose if they lost the Gospel promises?

## ○ Reactions to Gifts

- Joy, Gratitude
- Use, Care
- Indifference

## ○ Paul's Admonishment

- Costly Gift
- Reconciliation with God
- Galatian Reactions



# GALATIANS 4:8-11

## ◉ Paul's Concern for the Galatians

<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? 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.

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## ◎ Main Points

- Galatians 4:8-11
  - By losing the gospel, Christians lose their freedom.

# GALATIANS 4:12-16

## ◉ Paul's Concern for the Galatians

<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?

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- Galatians 4:8-11
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- Galatians 4:12-16
  - By losing the gospel, Christians lose their place in God's family of believers.

# GALATIANS 4:17-20

- ◉ **Paul's Concern for the Galatians**
- ◉ <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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  - By losing the gospel, Christians lose their freedom.
- Galatians 4:12-16
  - By losing the gospel, Christians lose their place in God's family of believers.
- Galatians 4:17-20
  - By losing the gospel, Christians lose their eternal salvation

## ◎ Truth

- If Christians lose the gospel promises, they lose all the gospel blessings Christ won for them.