

ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School Live 

May 26, 2024

Lesson Title: New Birth Brings Freedom

Lesson Text: Galatians 4:8-20

Suggested Reading Galatians Ch. 1-4

Acts 13: 38 – Ch.15

BACKGROUND

The Apostle Paul's Letter to the Galatians denounces all attempts to justify oneself apart from Christ.

The local Judaizers' undermined this belief in the Galatian church. Paul teaches that what the Judaizers preached is not the Gospel, but heresy, leading them back into the same bondage they were in before they believed in Christ. Jesus Christ came to fulfill the law. *Reference Matthew 5:17-20*

INTRODUCTION

UPON ARRIVING BACK IN ANTIOCH FROM HIS FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY, PAUL RECEIVED A REPORT THAT THE CHURCHES HE STARTED IN GALATIA HAD FALLEN INTO ERROR, BY FALSE TEACHINGS FROM A GROUP OF JUDAIZERS.

THOSE WHO STILL PRACTICED MOSAIC LAW.

TEXT OUTLINES

- 1. Unacceptable Behavior. (Galatians 4: 8-11)**
- 2. Where Do You Stand? (Galatians 4:12-16)**
- 3. Don't Be Deceived. (Galatians 4:17-20)**

GOALS FOR THIS LESSON

- 1. IDENTIFY & CORRECT UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR, WITH LOVE AND SCRIPTURE.**
- 2. HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR BELIEFS VIA SCRIPTURE & BE ABLE TO HELP DOUBTERS.**
- 3. LEARN GOD'S WORD TO AVERT FALSE TEACHING.**

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER?

1. How can we help new believers stay connected to Christ (Galatians 4:8-9)?
2. What three important things did Paul do in vs. 12-16 to help the Galatians see themselves?
3. How should we address people who attempt to deceive believers with false teachings?

GALATIANS 4:8-9 NRSV

8) Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to beings that by nature are not gods. 9) Now, however, that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental principles? How can you want to be enslaved to them again?

GALATIANS 4:10-11 NRSV

- 10) You are observing special days and months
and seasons and years.**
- 11) I am afraid that my work for you may have
been wasted.**

GALATIANS 4:12-13 NRSV

12) Brothers and sisters, I beg you: become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You have done me no wrong.

13) You know that it was because of a physical infirmity that I first announced the gospel to you;

GALATIANS 4:14 NRSV

14) though my condition put you to the test, you did not scorn or despise me but welcomed me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus.

GALATIANS 4:15-16 NRSV

- 15) What has become of the goodwill you felt? For I testify that, had it been possible, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me.
- 16) Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth?

GALATIANS 4:15-16 NRSV

17) They make much of you but for no good purpose; they want to exclude you, so that you may make much of them. 18) It is good to be made much of for a good purpose at all times and not only when I am present with you.

GALATIANS 4:15-16 NRSV

19) My little children, for whom I am again in the pain of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, 20) I wish I were present with you now and could change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. Jesus Christ is the pathway to God & Salvation. John 14:6
2. **Paul's passion for Christ came from experience and surrendering to GOD.**
3. God has called you for a purpose greater than yourself. Don't be Deceived.

APPLICATION FOR ACTIVATION

Spend meaningful time Studying God's word & offer prayers of thanksgiving for salvation. Seek to connect with a new believer or small group to offer or seek inspiration via biblical facts and experience.

Start with John 3:16 – 18 Ephesians 6:10-13

LIBERATING LESSON

To develop a personal relationship with Christ, we must be available to study God's Word, so we are not deceived by the enemy or tempted by lust & lies to abandon our Faith.

THE ARMOR OF GOD

Ephesians 6: 10. Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

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Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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Ephesians 6:13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

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Ephesians 6:14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place. 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

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Ephesians 6:15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16) In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

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Ephesians 6:17) Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18) And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people

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