

Welcome to Genesis The Church!



Paul's Epistle to the Galatians!

The Text:

Galatians 4:12-20!

The Title:

Solving the Clergy, Laity, Conflict!

The Theme:

God's Gospel of Grace!

Three Reasons for Writing:

1ST / Chapters 1&2: To defend Paul's calling as God's **MESSENGER!**

2ND / Chapters 3&4: To defend God's gospel **MESSAGE!**

3RD / Chapters 5&6: To defend the **MINISTRY!**

Captured in the Outline:

(Think of a Sandwich)

Chapters 1&2: Personal!

Chapters 3&4: Polemic!

Chapters 5&6: Practical!

Five Foundational Doctrines of the Christian Faith:

1. The Deity of Christ!

(Philippians 2:5-6 / Colossians 1:19)

2. The Virgin Birth of Christ!

(Philippians 2:7 / Micah 5:2 / Isaiah 9:6)

3. The Physical Death / Sacrifice of Christ!

(I Corinthians 15)

4. The Bodily Resurrection of Christ!

(Matthew 28:6)

1. The Literal Return of Christ!

(Revelation 19:1)

Chapter 4:1-11:

No Longer a Slave! Now a Son!

- I. (4:1-3) God's **COMMANDMENTS**: Prepared us for Sonship!
- II. (4:4-6) God's **COMPASSION**: Provides our Sonship!
- III. (4:7) Paul's **CONCLUSION**: Proclaims our Sonship!
- IV. (4:8-11) Paul's **CONFUSION**: Ponders the rejection of Sonship!

Chapter 4:12-20:

A Plea for Reconciliation!

Here Paul builds upon his pondering over the Galatian's rejection of their Sonship!

- I. (4:12a) Do Not **RETURN** to legalism!
- II. (4:12b-15) Do **REMEMBER** our liberty!
- III. (4:16-18) Do **RECEIVE** my warning!
- IV. (4:19-20) Do not **REJECT** my love!

Two Lessons to Ponder from Today's Sermon!

These lessons if applied can help us become unifiers rather than dividers while building Genesis The Church!

1. Embrace truth no matter how much it may hurt!

If you're the speaker, tell the truth. If you're the listener, welcome the truth. If you're the decision maker, seek the truth. Regardless of your position or role in your local church or community, be a lover and model of truth – even when the truth might wound you.

1. Watch your attitude no matter how well you know another person!

The first month or two of living or working with someone is usually a sort of honeymoon period. But as the months and years pass relationships can become strained. If attitudes aren't kept in check, weaknesses may begin to overshadow strengths. Remember, there will always be things others dislike in us. Only a genuine Christian love can bridge the gaps and bring unity to Christ's church.