

November 25/Day 329

Galatians 4

Verses 1-7

- Continuing with Galatians. Context is the false-teaching of legalism, or living under the law. We just read how the law acts as a tutor to lead us to Christ. Once we are in the faith, we are no longer under a tutor.
- With this in mind, explain this passage.

Verses 8-11

- When we don't know God, to what are we slaves?

Verses 12-20

- What are we told about Paul's first visit with the believers in Galatia?
- Some scholars believe this passage indicates Paul's thorn in the flesh (mentioned in Corinthians) may be his eyesight.
- Why does Paul wish to be with them rather than writing them?

Verses 21-26

- What two women are contrasted in this allegory and what do they represent?
- Note that when Scripture is a parable or an allegory, it tells us so.

Verses 27-31

- Which woman should be cast out and why?

Galatians 5

Verse 1

- Why did Christ set us free?
- How did He do this? Would it then be a slap in His face to believe His work was not enough? That there is something more we need to do?

Verses 2-6

- Paul is not saying it is wrong to be circumcised. What he is saying is that it is wrong to add circumcision to salvation.
- What has happened to us when we seek to become justified (counted not guilty) by the law?

Verses 7-12

- What happened to the Galatian believers when they were running well?
- How did Paul feel about the false-teachers? Why?

Verses 13-15

- What is the other extreme in regard to freedom in Christ?

Verses 16-24

- Our “walk” is our pattern of life. How do we manage to walk in the Spirit rather than in the flesh?
- What are we not under when we are led by the Spirit? What does this mean in regard to salvation?
- Review the deeds of the flesh. Immorality is the Greek porneia. What English word do you think we get from this? Sorcery is pharmaceia. It’s drug use. Disputes, dissensions, enmities, strife, and factions are summed up in the word “drama”.
- Verse 21 tells us that if any of these characteristics are a pattern of our life, we are not born-again and will not inherit the kingdom of heaven whether we have made a profession of faith or not.
- This is the passage that saved me from a life of religious duty and brought me into the kingdom. “Outbursts of anger” was the pattern/habit of my life that proved I had religion but didn’t have God’s Spirit.
- The big “but” here contrasts walking in the flesh and walking in the Spirit. Describe the nine-fold fruit of the Spirit. Note they are the fruit of the Spirit, not the fruit of the Christian. We can’t muster these up with will-power though we can be controlled to an extent. We can only walk in them by possessing God’s Spirit within us.
- What has happened to our flesh when we became born-again?

Verses 25-26

Galatians 6

Verses 1-5

- A believer can sin in the singular and even be caught up for a season, but a believer can not be characterized by these behaviors as a walk of life.
- When a believer is caught up in sin, what is our responsibility in restoring them?
- What must each man examine?
- If we are examining ourselves, will we have time to examine others?

Verses 6-10

- What will each person reap?

- What will happen if we do not grow weary?
- To whom are believers to do good?

Verses 11-18

- Again, some scholars believe verse 11 points to Paul's eyesight.
- What do you think making a good showing in the flesh means?
- Are those who are trying to put other believers under the law keeping the law themselves?
- What is better than circumcision or uncircumcision? We will see this in Corinthians.
- What does Paul bear on his body? Can you remember anything we've seen about this already?
- How does Paul end this letter?

See you tomorrow.