



# GALATIANS

**I Labor Until Christ  
Is Formed In You**

4:8-20

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**Galatians 4:8** However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods. **9** But now that you have come to know God, or rather **to be known by God,** how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again? **10** You observe days and months and seasons and years. **11** I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.

- “To be known by God” reflects sovereign grace.
- Judaism is as bad as paganism.



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**Galatians 4:12** I beg of you, brethren, **become as I am,** for I also have become as you are. You have done me no wrong;

- Principle: We must be (model) what we want others to become.



**Galatians 4:13** but you know that it was because of a bodily illness that **I preached the gospel to you the first time;** **14** and that which was a trial to you in my bodily condition you did not despise or loathe, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus Himself. **15** Where then is that sense of blessing you had? For I bear you witness that, if possible, **you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me.** **16** So have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?

- Paul reveals his personal frustrations reminding them of their shared experience in & for Christ.



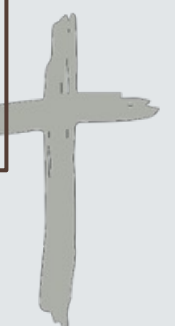
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**Galatians 4:17** They eagerly seek you, not commendably, but they wish to shut you out so that you will seek them. **18** But it is good always to be eagerly sought in a commendable manner, and not only when I am present with you.

- Watch out for separation from the truth.
- Watch out for separation from true brothers and sisters in Christ.



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**Galatians 4:19** My children, with whom I am again **in labor until Christ is formed in you—**  
**20** but I could wish to be present with you now and to change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

- When Christ is really being formed in us, then we will labor with others valuing shared experiences for God's glory.

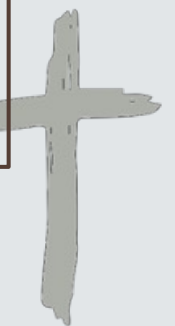


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1. Why do I exist?
2. How do I respond to the gospel and live in God's grace?
3. How do I make progress in my relationship **with God?**
4. How do I make progress in my relationship **with brothers and sisters in Christ?**
5. How do I make progress in my relationship **with the lost?**
6. How do I embody "these things" and pass them along in relationship?





2. How do I respond to the gospel and live in God's grace?

God—Man—Jesus—Surrender

**Justifying Grace** is the undeserved favor, free gift of God that pardons my sin and declares Jesus righteousness as my own.

**Sanctifying Grace** is the undeserved favor, free gift of God that enables me to die to sin and live righteously day by day.

