

“Have I Become Your Enemy By Telling You The Truth?”
Galatians 4:8-20

What is the Truth? “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth” (John 17:17). “The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous rules endures forever” (Psalm 119:160). “Every word of God proves true; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you and you be found a liar” (Proverbs 30:5-6). “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16).

Thesis Statement:

We have a natural tendency to want *to take away from the truth* when it is to our advantage and we have a natural tendency *to add to the truth* when it is to our advantage. Our flesh *hates objective truth*.

- (Galatians 4:8-11) Don't Return To Slavery Of The Law/Flesh:
 - “I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.” (Galatians 4:11)
 - ALL religions outside of Christianity are works based religions. These religions point us to the flesh and to laws or rules for salvation, not to the grace and mercy of God.
 - Now that we know God, we should be growing in the grace and knowledge of God (2 Peter 3:18) for a strong foundation.
 - These methods are weak and worthless when it comes to salvation from sin and growth in holiness. We need God's grace to be saved and to be sanctified, not dependence on the flesh (cf. Colossians 2:8,16,20-23).
 - The Christians' relationship with the Law in Christ....“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17; cf. Romans 3:20-21)
- (Galatians 4:12-16) Don't Forget Your Love For Me:
 - “Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16)
 - Paul had given up his identification with Judaism when he became a Christian (Galatians 1:13-14; Romans 10:1-3; Philippians 3:4-6) because his own works were what he was trusting in for his salvation.
 - When Paul had arrived in Galatia, the people received him despite him being sick (John 9:2; Acts 28:3-4). They treated him and received his message as if he was an angel or even Jesus. What has changed????
- (Galatians 4:17-20) Don't Forget The Truth:
 - “My little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth (spiritual anguish) until Christ is formed in you (spiritual maturity)!” (Galatians 4:19)
 - The “love” that the false teachers are showing is for their personal gain (2 Corinthians 2:17; 11:3-4,13-14). They don't care for the people of Galatia because if they did, they would share the truth with them....“Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.” (Proverbs 27:5-6; cf. 2 Corinthians 7:2-3; 11:2)
 - Paul was eventually able to go to the churches of Galatia to address the issues face to face that he was addressing in this letter (Acts 16:1-5).

Worship: Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus — Various Artists All Creatures — Kings Kaleidoscope
Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right — Sovereign Grace Music

Closing Song: Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor — Matt Boswell

Service Times: Sundays: Teaching Class 4/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Account Balance: \$32,528.08 December Balance: \$34,401.59	Weekly Budget: \$3,290
Total Giving: January 1	\$2,905
Total Giving: January 8	\$4,133
Total Giving: January 15	\$2,025
Total Giving: January 22	\$2,690
Total Giving: January 29	\$1,525

Announcements:

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, February 12th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!