



Title | Best and Worst, Part 1
Series | Witness for the Defense
Text | Galatians 4:8-15
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Sermon Notes

Galatians 4:8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? 10 You observe days and months and seasons and years! 11 I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain. 12 Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. 13 You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, 14 and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. 15 What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me. *ESV*

Big Idea:

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For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Galatians 4:8-9. Paul says the Galatians have decided to return the slavery of the Law after experiencing the freedom of faith in Christ. What are some reasons one might return to the slavery of the Law?

Tuesday:

Read Romans 14:2-5. Paul addresses several issues of secondary importance facing believers of his day. Can you think of some secondary issues we face in 21st century America? Using the principle we find in Romans, how should we respond to disagreements over these issues?

Wednesday:

Read Galatians 4:13-14. Paul reminded the Galatians of their love and care for him when he suffered from an unnamed, debilitating disease. What examples from your own life can you find where you expressed love and care for another person?

Thursday:

Read Galatians 4:15. Paul said the Galatians were willing to give up anything to care for Paul, reminding them that the True Gospel of Faith Alone brought out their best. What examples from your own life can you find where your faith brought out your best?

Friday:

Read Galatians 4:15. Paul admits that after abandoning the True Gospel of Faith Alone for the false gospel of works, the Galatians are exhibiting their worst behavior. What examples from your own life can you find where moving away from your faith brought out your worst?

Daily Prayer:

Father, may I always rely on my faith in Jesus Christ and not my works to bring out my best in everything I say and do. Amen.

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