

Galatians 4:9-15 The Weak and Beggarly

1. Because ye are sons • Galatians 4:6-9 (Review)

- a. A believer today receives the adoption of sons. This is acceptance before God as an adult.
- b. You now have liberty to serve God. You get to make decisions. (Rom 6:16-18, 20)
- c. You are not governed, you are not tutored. This implies discernment, responsibility.
- d. This makes it imperative that our mind be renewed by God's word.
(Eph 1:16-21, Phil 1:9-10, Col 1:9-10)
- e. Not yet knowing doctrine hinders your level of understanding, and therefore ability to serve..
(1 Cor 3:1-3, Gal 4:19-21, 1 Cor 14:20)
- f. The course of this world teaches contrary to the doctrines you learn in Christ.
 - i. Philosophy, deceit, tradition, rudiments (Col 2:8, 1 Tim 1:4, Titus 3:9)
 - ii. Teachings of the law (1 Tim 1:6-7, Titus 1:10-11)
 - iii. Rather we should set our affection elsewhere where our life is. (Col 3:1-4)

2. How turn ye again [to the law]? • Galatians 4:10-11

- a. Days, months, times, years. What do these mean to you? (Col 2:15-17)
 - i. Might they spoil and beguile you? (Col 1:18-23)
 - ii. It conveys a lack of understanding of the gospel and the power thereof. (Gal 4:11)
 - iii. The gospel (Christ's work) and the liberty within *is* the power and wisdom of God.
(Rom 1:16, 1 Cor 2:5-7) (This is also the mystery of Christ.)
- b. To desire to return to the law is to forfeit your ability to serve God. You may be lacking knowledge/understanding of something.
 - i. Do you understand your own inability?
 - ii. Do you understand your own sin?
 - iii. Do you understand God's righteousness and how you can never measure up?
 - iv. Do you not understand what the gospel provides freely by God's grace?
- c. Will the Galatians listen? Or continue to operate in a way that produces vanity?
 - i. They once suffered for the truth. Is it vain? (Gal 3:4,)
 - ii. Vanity is produced when understanding is darkened. (Eph 4:17-18)
 - iii. To teach the law is to go against God's will for today. It will shipwreck faith.

3. Be as I am • Galatians 4:12-15

- a. Be what? Free from the law. Stand in liberty. (Gal 5:1)
- b. Temptation, infirmity? Trials. Paul faced many. (2 Cor 11:23-27, 12:7-10)
- c. Once Paul was received gladly, praised, highly esteemed. They received the gospel gladly.
 - i. Then came the objections, and the departing. Much like today. (Gal 1:6)
 - ii. We should attempt to restore. (Gal 6:1, Philemon 1:11)
- d. The Galatians have fallen into the snare of the devil. (2 Tim 2:24-26)
- e. Consider thyself, you need to have understanding if you will attempt to restore. (Gal 6:1)
- f. Paul will continue to correct the Galatian's thinking. (Gal 4:21)