

## Sermon #9: Galatians

22 March 2026

### **BREAKING THE ICE**

- What impacted you most about this week's message?

### **UNDERSTANDING THE TRUTH**

*Read the Passage (Galatians 4:8-20)*

Overview: In this section of Galatians, Paul is concerned with the ongoing growth of the Galatian church having been set free from serving false gods through the gospel, but now are being misled by false teachers who are "enslaving" them to Jewish laws and customs. Notice how Paul challenges and exhorts the Galatians and contrast that with what the false teachers attempted to do.

1. What does Paul say was true of the Galatians in the past when they didn't know God? (vs 8).
2. What are some things people become enslaved to when they don't have a relationship with God?
3. How does Paul challenge the inconsistency of the Galatians' behavior now that they are known by God? (vs 9).
4. Why would Paul pause to distinguish the difference between someone who "knows God" and someone who is "known by God"? (Use Matthew 7:21-23 to help discuss)
5. How does Paul's personal appeal to "become as I am" establish his example as a means to challenge the Galatians'?
6. How does Paul lean into his experience and ministry among the Galatians to reveal the motives behind the false teachers (the "they" in verse 17) who have tried to influence the Galatians? (vs 13-17).
7. What truth can you derive from vs 17 that is often true about false teachers and the method they use to gather followers?
8. How do you see Paul's pastoral heart as well as his apostolic authority as he addresses the Galatians? (vs 18-20)

### **SEEING JESUS CHRIST**

*Read Colossians 2:6-17 aloud as a group*

This passage clearly establishes Jesus Christ as the absolute center and mediator of our faith.

- *How does that free you from human tradition, religious practice, sinful pasts and spiritual powers toward a passionate relationship of heart-felt obedience to Jesus?*

### **MAKING IT MATTER**

1. Where do you see people in the church today over-emphasizing certain practices or traditions instead of faith in and obedience to Jesus?
2. If a non-believer visited our church for a season, what might they observe that would lead them to believe we are trusting in more than simply Jesus?
3. Would you describe your Christian experience more by what you do and don't do OR by a growing relationship with Jesus Christ? Explain.
4. Is there a particular aspect of your view of Christianity that needs to change based on what you just learned?

### **PRAYING FOR GOD'S POWER**

"This is the confidence we have before him: If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked of him." 1 John 5:14-15

When we pray according to God's will it engages the power and guidance of God to bring about our transformation. If we apply these things in our own strength, then it is just legalistic obedience. But, when we humbly ask God to change us and empower us according to His will and by His Spirit, it becomes transformational AND it glorifies God.

1. Ask people to share one key, specific application from today's lesson that they want God to bring about in their life. Then take time to pray for each other in these areas.