

THE EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS

CHAPTER 4:12-(17) 20

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“GIVE THEM JESUS!” – PART 2

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Galatians 4:15-20

If you're desiring to take a friend to heaven – If you're longing to see someone you know come to salvation... a word of advice to you is,

- *Don't give them a beautiful diamond studded cross.*
- *Don't give them a goldleaf bible with angels embossed on the cover.*
- *And please, don't even give them the church phone number expecting the church to save your family or friend – No!*

GIVE THEM JESUS!

It's what Paul had done. It's what Paul was doing again

In verses 8-11 Pastor Paul laments the fact that those believers in Galatia had been polluted in their thinking... – *they were regressing in their faith.*

It's With a Passionate Enthusiasm

That Paul **Admonishes** and **Exhorts** Them to Think Scripturally

He Challenged them to Remember

What They Had Been **Taught** Concerning Their **Salvation**

Hebrews 10:32

remember those earlier days when you first learned about Jesus Christ. Remember how you kept pressing on with the Lord even though it meant it would be difficult and it would lead to suffering.

In Verse 12-20, Pastor Paul goes after their hearts with a plea for their Affection, calling to them to Live Passionately

_____ **Biblical scholars agree** _____

That "Galatians 4:12-20 is the most passionate, heartfelt, and desperate section of scripture that Paul ever wrote."

Paul is Such a Grand Example to Us

GIVE THEM JESUS!

A.) *Begins with our personal witness* vv. 12-15

1.) *Who you are privately* - will one day be known publicly v.12-13

What Paul was - the man you saw - *people listened to him*

2.) *Our "Life Events"* – will reveal who we really are v.14

Paul came to them in weakness and in illness - *they respected him*

3.) *My life is to make a difference* – *Jesus is my example* v.15

What then was the blessing you enjoyed? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me.

What then was the blessing you enjoyed?

**You had Joy before, Happiness, a
Blessedness – it's gone now**

Jesus is no longer your LOVE - for doing what you do.
No it's money, people, glory, power, ego, pride, and religion...

But it's not Jesus anymore

**They once loved Paul because they saw Jesus in Paul
BUT LEGALISM STERILIZES YOU THAT WAY**

***How can My life make a difference?
>>>> By Making Jesus My Example <<<<***

Paul's M.O. in Ministry

1 Corinthians 2:1-2

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

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***it's not - - what would jack do - it's not
always what Jesus would do***

***because he had GIVEN THEM JESUS and nothing else
They Loved Him - Convincingly!***

Verse 15

For I bear you witness that,
if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes
and given them to me.

A.) Begins with our personal witness

vv. 12-15

GIVE THEM JESUS – *nothing else*

B.) Being committed to live for others

vv. 16-17

Have I therefore become your enemy - because I tell you the truth?
17 They zealously court you, but for no good; yes,
they want to exclude you, that you may be zealous for them.

1.) Being willing to tell them of error

v.16

Have I therefore become **your enemy**
because I tell you the truth?

Here is Paul's **Passionate, Heartfelt, and Desperate Rebuke**

Verse 16

Have I therefore become **your enemy**



enemy

2190 echthros (ech-thros');

to oppose, to stand up against. I.e. As Satan is against a believer. To a foe, one who hinders. To capture or to pounce upon...

Paul -

“as your pastor, have I turned on you?”

“ as long as we keep things superficial, all is well.
But what if (**Titus 2:15** - Speak these things to you,
exhorting you, and rebuking with all authority.) - will
you reject me?

You Changed Your View of Me
What a sad age we live in today...

Pastors and Church leadership - Embarrassment

The well-known examples are more often - pathetic examples
Bad news and bad press travel at the speed of light

But Wait!

There are Those Who are Truly Called by God
- *to do what they do!*

***They're committed to live for others,
Pointing Them to Jesus***

Hebrews 13:7

Remember (think about them often) those who rule over you, who have (speak) have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

(their witness = a blessed end of life – eternal)

“Jack, remember this, that the flock, by and large, they think they love you until you have to shepherd them like Jesus did – then what they **have said** will be compared to what they **now say**.”

- *David Hocking to me 1990*

Have I therefore become **your enemy**

SHEEP TO SHEPHERD TEST 1A

Hebrews 13:17a

Obey (yield authority to) those who rule over you,

Have I therefore become **your enemy**

SHEEP TO SHEPHERD TEST 1B

Hebrews 13:7b

Submit, (surrender your ground) for we watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

Have I therefore become **your enemy**

SHEEP TO SHEPHERD TEST 1C

Hebrews 13:24

Greet all those who rule over you, and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.

Have I therefore become **your enemy**

Jeremiah 3:14-15

"Return, O backsliding children," says the LORD; "for I am married to you. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. 15 "And I will give you pastors according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

GIVE THEM JESUS – *nothing else* ***Being committed to live for others***

2.) *Being able to show them the error* v.17

They zealously court you, but not for good; - yes, they want to exclude you, that you may be zealous for them.

Being “able” to show them the error

Amplified version - Galatians 4:17

Those false teachers who are so anxious to win you over - are not doing it for your good but for theirs. What they're trying to do is to shut you off from us so that you will be dependant upon them
– so you'll pay more attention to them.

Minister Aggrandizement

Warren Weirsbe

“One of the marks of a false shepherd is that he **will seek to attract** people to himself.

**They Want You So Bad
But they only want you as a number in the ranks.**

The Cults are Like This

Acts 20:28-31

"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 "For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. 31 "Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

Being able to show them the error

Will not make the true pastor popular – *in a good way!*

2 Timothy 4:1-4

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom...2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

Revelation 3:18-20

"I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

An Example of - being able to show them the error

Titus 1:10-13

For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision (**legalist**), 11 whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain. 12 One of them, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." 13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,

Peter Learned this Example from Paul...

Galatians 2:11

Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face,
because he was to be blamed;

What If...

Peter – “I’m not going to be an apostle anymore –
James, take my name off the list – paul hurt my feelings - I quit!”

Galatians 6:1

Brothers, if someone is **caught in a sin**, you who are spiritual should restore him
gently. But watchout yourself,
you to could be tempted like was.

Gently – with a humble attitude and spirit.
But not weak or wimpy-like

Jude 1:22-23

Try to help those who argue against you. Be merciful to those who doubt. 23 Save
some by snatching them as from the very flames of hell itself. And as for others, help
them to find the Lord by being kind to them, but be careful that you yourselves aren't
pulled along into their sins. Hate every trace of their sin while being merciful to them as
sinners.

GIVE THEM JESUS – *nothing else*
Being committed to live for others

3.) *Being willing to tell them of truth*

v.16

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L.A. Times Article on Hell is a no, no !

People hate the Bible

Because it tells us the Truth about who
and what we are

And people put it down at that point

They don't keep reading to find out the end
of the story

John 8:45

"But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.

Hebrews 4:12-13

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

because I tell you the truth?

GIVE THEM JESUS – *nothing else*

Being committed to live for others

4.) *Being able to show them the truth*

v.17

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I only want your good – *love Paul*

I want you zealous for Jesus only – *love Jack*

**In a Church Where the Pastor is the Focus of Attention - -
Look at the people serving in that work and see who they talk about the most. – they'll
be weary too**

A true servant of God
doesn't go about using people to exalt themselves.

A MARK OF A FALSE TEACHER
ENRICHING HIS LIFE AT THE EXPENSE OF HIS FLOCK
(FLEECING)

Deuteronomy 18:3-4

This is the payment due to the priests of my people who sacrifice a bull or a sheep: the shoulder, the jowls and the inner parts. 4 **You are to give them** the firstfruits of your grain, new wine and oil, and the first fleece from the shearing of your sheep,

“You are to give them, They must never ask it of you nor demand it”
\$\$\$\$ I cannot imagine a pastor demanding his salary
or setting his salary... \$\$\$\$

Proverbs 27:23-27

Be sure to know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; 24 for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations. 25 When the hay is removed and new growth appears and the grass from the hills is gathered in, 26 the lambs will provide for you your clothing, and the goats will provide the price of a field. 27 You will have plenty of milk to feed you and your family and to nourish those who serve.

Often Ministers are Quick to Say
“You’re Going to Need to Trust in the Lord”
while they avoid the flock. Neglect the herd and take a field and steal the milk.

They may be trusting in their resourcefulness – not God

Proverbs 27:6

Faithful are the wounds of a friend,
but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

The Galatian Believers were being stimulated
By the Deceitful Kisses of the Religious Legalists

It's With a Passionate Enthusiasm

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Romans 10:4

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness
to everyone who believes.

Where are you with Jesus today?
And where are you with Jesus' Sheepdogs that watch over you?