

Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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Preparing our Hearts for Worship

“Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones. But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me.” “Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.”

- Isaiah 49:13-16

Galatians

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“Known By God” (Galatians 4:8-20)

Review

Galatians is a letter written by Paul to the churches in the region of Galatia (modern day Turkey) between 45-58 A.D, and it addresses the question of what does “freedom in Christ” really looks like.

The primary issue is whether salvation comes by obedience in keeping the Law or by faith in Jesus.

Law vs. Faith

We know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. – Galatians 2:16

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Galatians 4:8

*“Formerly, when you did not know
God, you were slaves to those who by
nature are not gods.”*

Galatians 4:8

“Earlier, before you knew God personally, you were enslaved to so-called gods that had nothing of the divine about them.”

John 1:17

“Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

Galatians 4:9

“But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again.”

1 John 4:19

“We love because he first loved us.”

Jeremiah 1:5

*“God knew you before you were even formed
in your mother’s womb.”*

Psalm 139:1-4

1. God knows you inside and out V.1

2. He knows your every move V.2

3. He knows your thoughts V.2

4. He knows the path we are on V.3

5. He knows the words you speak V.4

Galatians 4:9

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Galatians 4:10

*“You are observing special days and months
and seasons and years!”*

Galatians 4:11

*“I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted
my efforts on you.”*

Galatians 4:12-16

“I plead with you, brothers and sisters, become like me, for I became like you. You did me no wrong. ¹³ As you know, it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you, ¹⁴ and even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus himself. ¹⁵ Where, then, is your blessing of me now? I can testify that, if you could have done so, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. ¹⁶ Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth.”

2 Corinthians 10:10

“For some say, “His letters are weighty and forceful, but in person he is unimpressive and his speaking amounts to nothing.”

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

“Or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Galatians 4:16

*“Have I now become your enemy by telling
you the truth.”*

Ephesians 4:14-15

“Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.”

Galatians 4:17-20

“Those people are zealous to win you over, but for no good. What they want is to alienate you from us, so that you may have zeal for them. ¹⁸ It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always, not just when I am with you. ¹⁹ My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, ²⁰ how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you.”

Ephesians 4:13

“This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.”

Colossians 1:28

“He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.”

Galatians 4:9

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Romans 8:11

“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.”

1 Corinthians 15:58

*“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm.
Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to
the work of the Lord, because your labor in the Lord is
not in vaine you know that.”*

The Blessing

from Galatians 4:9, Romans 8:15, Isaiah 49:16

As you go, remember that you have been loved before the foundation of the world, created in the image of God, and now through Jesus, you know God and are known by God. Your name is engraved on the palm of His hands, and in His name, you are no longer a slave to fear. You are a child of God.