

# ***“God’s Truth and Paul’s Heart”***

## **Christian Liberty**

### **Galatians 4:8-20**

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#### **1. Brief Review.**

- a. Ch. 1. Another gospel; Paul’s bio.
- b. Ch. 2. Paul’s ministry and rebuke of Peter.
- c. Ch. 3. Galatians bewitched; justification by faith alone.
- d. Ch. 4:1-7. No longer slaves but sons.
- e. Adoption. WCF ch. 12. “All those who are justified God vouchsafed, in and for His only Son, Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption, by which they are taken into the number, and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God, have His name put upon them, receive the Spirit of adoption, have access to the throne of grace with boldness, are enabled to cry, ‘Abba! Father!’, are pitied, protected, provided for and chastened by Him, as by a father, yet never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption and inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.”

#### **2. Galatians 4:8-20, NKJV.**

*“But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods. 9 But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage? 10 You observe days and months and seasons and years. 11 I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.*

*12 “Brethren, I urge you to become like me, for I became like you. You have not injured me at all. 13 You know that because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first. 14 And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.*

*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. 16 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. 18 But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you.*

*19”My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you, 20 I would like to be present with you now and to change my tone; for I have doubts about you.”*

#### **3. Known by God; weak and beggarly elements.**

- a. 1 John 4:10. *“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”*

- b. 1 John 4:19. *“We love Him because He first loved us.”*

- c. Colossians 2:16-17; 20-22. *“So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations—‘Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,’ which all concern things which perish with the using—according to the commandments and doctrines of men?”*

#### **4. Paul’s heart and concern for the Galatians. (v12-20)**

- a. Romans 10:1-2. *“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.”*