

"PASTORING ERRING PEOPLE"

GALATIANS 4:11-20

I. IN THE COURSE OF MINISTRY THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE MINISTER EXPERIENCES FEAR FOR THE PEOPLE (4:11)

- A. Paul's Primary Concern Is Not That He Had Expended Energy For Nothing
- B. Paul's Primary Concern Is The Possibility Of Apostasy

II. PAUL APPEALS TO THESE PREDOMINATELY GENTILE PEOPLE TO ADOPT THE SAME POSITION ON THE LAW AS HE HAS (4:12-16)

- A. He Uses, As A Gentle Leverage, A Reference To Their Memories (4:13-14)
 - 1. Paul Actually Ended Up In Galatia In Order To Recover From Illness (4:13)
 - 2. Rather Than Loathe The Very Sight Of Paul In That Weakened Condition, They Received Him (4:14)
- B. He Uses Two Questions To Further Probe Their Thinking (4:15-16)
 - 1. Where Is That Sense Of Blessing You Had? (4:15)
 - 2. Am I Really Now, Your Enemy? (4:16)

III. THE APOSTLE EXPOSES THE MOTIVES OF HIS JUDAIZING OPPONENTS (4:17-20)

- A. He Is Exceedingly Jealous For Christ & The Word, In Contrast To What They Were Zealous For (4:17-18)
- B. He Gives Them Insight Into The Kind Of Work He Is Doing As He Wrestles For Their Souls (4:19-20)