

“ARE YOU WILLING TO RISK OFFENDING PEOPLE BY TELLING THE TRUTH?”

(Galatians 4:11–16)

- I. Personal: Paul Defends His Authority And Origination Of His Gospel (Galatians 1 & 2)
- II. Doctrinal: Paul Defends His God–Given Message — The Gospel Of Grace (Galatians 3 & 4)
 - A. The PROOFS That the GOSPEL of GRACE is TRUE. (3:1-29)
 - B. The POSITION of SONSHIP in CHRIST by Grace. (4:1-11)
 - C. The PASTORAL CONCERN of Paul toward the Galatian Churches. (4:11-20)

1. The *concern* regarding their *problems* (4:11-12)...

- a. was because these believers were departing from the Gospel of _____ to a form of _____ . (1:6-9)

* Is this a problem in our day?

- b. was because these Christians were rejecting Paul’s apostolic _____. (1:11–2:14)

* Is this a problem in our day?

- c. was because not only was their _____ now wrong, but their understanding of the _____ was also wrong. (2:16, 20-21; 3:1-3)

* Is this a problem in our day?

- d. was because Paul was afraid _____ them (not of them) and he feared that his labor for them would not result in its ultimate objective which was _____ into Christ likeness. (4:11)

* Can this happen to you?

- e. motivated Paul to _____ these believers to return to the teachings and practice of _____. (4:12a)

* How is this verse to be understood?

- f. was motivated due to _____, not due to a personal _____ or _____. (4:12b)

2. The *compassion* from their *past* (4:13–15)

- a. When Paul evangelized Galatia, he went there because of a _____
yet still ended up _____ to them. (4:13)

* What does this indicate?

- b. The Galatians initially _____ him (and the Gospel) in spite of his
_____. (4:14a)

* What does this teach us?

- c. These Christians even viewed and accepted his authority as an _____,
even as a apostolic representative of _____. (4:14b)

* What can you learn from this?

- d. All this then resulted in a _____ for Paul's
ministry and message. (4:15)

3. The *coldness* of the *present*. (4:16)

- a. When the Galatians received Paul's message of the Gospel, they viewed him as an
_____ from Heaven; but due to the inroads of legalism, they now viewed him as an
_____ from Hell. (4:16a)

* Who changed: Paul or the Galatians?

* What is ironic about this?

- b. Teachers of the Word of God must always speak God's _____ principally and
practically, even when it is unpopular with the hearers. (4:16b)