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### **A. All Who Trust In Jesus Are Sons Of God (3:26-29)**

#### **1. Sons Through Creation Verses Redemption (3:26)**

**a. God is the Father of all men physically**

**b. God is not the Father of all men spiritually**

**1 John 3:10**

**c. We are “all” saved the same way – through faith  
in Christ Jesus**

**John 14:6**

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**2. Sons In Christ (3:27)**

**a. By baptism *into* Christ by faith alone**

**Romans 6:3-5**

**b. By putting on Christ**

**Romans 13:14, Ephesians 4:24, Colossians 3:10**

**We are spiritually immersed into the life of Christ**

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**3. Sons In Spite Of Differences (3:28-29)**

**a. No distinction in origin (v 28)**

**Ephesians 2:14**

**b. No difference on destination (v 29)**

**Ephesians 2:16-18**

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### **B. We Are Sons By Adoption (4:1-7)**

#### **1. The Contrasts Between A Child And A Son**

- a. Childhood refers to our condition in God's family, while adoption speaks of our position**
- b. Through regeneration one enters into the family but by adoption he enjoys the family**
- c. The circumstances leading to childhood are private, while those dealing with adoption are public**
- d. A child is under guardians, while an adopted adult has full liberty**

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**2. The Difference Between A Servant And A Son**

- a. A servant retains his old nature, while a son enjoys that of his father**
- b. A servant has a master, while a son has a father**
- c. A servant obeys out of law and fear, but a son out of liberty and love**
- d. A servant is promised no inheritance, while a son can legally expect to inherit all things**

# **Paul's Concern for the Galatians**

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

**We should be concerned when others falter**

# **I. Paul's Regret Over Their Regression (4:8-12)**

## **A. When you know better (4:8-9)**

### **Galatians 4:8-9**

**8 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.**

**9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?**

- 1. Paul and Barnabas knew their previous idolatry**
- 2. They became approved of God by Christ**
- 3. Why go back to what did not work before**

# **I. Paul's Regret Over Their Regression (4:8-12)**

## **B. You have traded one form of idolatry for another**

### **1. What they did**

**Galatians 4:10**

**Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.**

### **2. Why they did it**

**Because others told you**

**Colossians 2:16-17**

**16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:**

**17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.**

# I. Paul's Regret Over Their Regression (4:8-12)

C. Am I wasting my time?

Galatians 4:11

I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you **labour** in **vain**.

1. Considering Paul's concern
2. Considering Paul's commitment
3. Considering their lack of commitment

# **I. Paul's Regret Over Their Regression (4:8-12)**

**D. Become like me**

**Galatians 4:12**

**Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; for I am as ye are: ye have not injured me at all.**

# **I. Paul's Regret Over Their Regression (4:8-12)**

## **D. Become like me**

### **1. God changed me**

#### **Philippians 3:4-8**

**4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:**

**5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;**

**6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.**

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### **1. God changed me**

**Philippians 3:4-8 - continued**

**7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.**

**8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,**

### **2. God changed you?**

### **3. God changes us**

## **II. Paul's Request For A Renewed Relationship (4:13-16)**

**A. I did not let a trial stop me (vv 13-14)**

**Galatians 4:13-14**

**13 Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first.**

**14 And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.**

## **II. Paul's Request For A Renewed Relationship (4:13-16)**

**B. You did not my trial stop you (v 15)**

**Galatians 4:15**

**Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.**

## **II. Paul's Request For A Renewed Relationship (4:13-16)**

**C. Are you turning away because you do not like what I  
am saying? (v 16)**

**Galatians 4:16**

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

### **III. Paul's Reasoning With The Galatians (4:17-20)**

#### **Galatians 4:17-18**

**17 They zealously affect you, but not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them.**

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

# **III. Paul's Reasoning With The Galatians (4:17-20)**

## **A. The Labor Of The Legalists (4:17-18)**

### **1. Why are they working so hard on you? (v 17)**

**Matthew 23:15**

**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.**

### **2. Working hard for good is always good but ... (v 18)**

### **3. Were you putting on a show for me? (v 18)**

# **III. Paul's Reasoning With The Galatians (4:17-20)**

## **B. Your Needed Labor To Be Christ-like (4:19-20)**

### **1. Let's start over (v 19)**

#### **Galatians 4:19**

**My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,**

#### **2 Corinthians 3:18**

**But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

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## **B. Your Needed Labor To Be Christ-like (4:19-20)**

### **2. Let's work through this (v 20)**

#### **Galatians 4:20**

**I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.**

**Are You Concerned Enough To Act?**