

Bible Study Series: The Book of Galatians

Chapter 4

Verse 15

- A. Paul asks, *“Where is then the blessedness ye spake of?”*
- The _____ of their salvation was gone. Their ardent _____ for Paul had waned.
- B. How does this happen to Christians today?
- It happens the same way it did with the Galatians. Rather than walking by faith with Jesus Christ, we begin to live our lives in our own _____ power and strength. 3:1-3
 - Just as the Jewish legalists stole the hearts of the Galatians, other people (who are walking after the flesh) steal our hearts and influence us _____ from a walk of faith in Jesus Christ.

Verses 16-17

- A. Paul loved them and told them the _____; the Judaizers were telling them _____ in order to use them for their own selfish gain.
- This brings to mind Proverbs 27:6, *“Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.”*
- B. Verse 17 simply means that they were trying to get _____ to the Galatians, but not for good and honest purposes.

Verse 18

- A. They loved Paul and walked in the grace of Christ when he was with them, but now that he was _____, they had wavered and allowed false teachers to corrupt them.
- B. What a blessing when believers are able to _____ in the grace of Christ without the constant watch care of their spiritual leaders.

Verse 19

- A. The Galatians were Paul's spiritual _____. He labored and travailed in order to bring them to Christ.
- B. But the Galatians had gotten entrapped in the legalism of the law. They were not magnifying Christ and His grace.
- C. It broke Paul's heart and Paul said he felt as if he was travelling in birth all over again as he wrote this letter to them. This time it was a different kind of travail.
- The first time it was that they might place their _____ in Christ.
 - The second time it was that Christ might be _____ in them.
- D. In other words, Paul desired that they might _____ in Christ and that Christ might show forth His life through them. Galatians 2:20

Verse 20

- A. Why did Paul want to be there and address them personally? Because they had caused him to _____ them.
- The phrase, "*I stand in doubt*" is also translated "perplexed."
- B. Paul stood in absolute perplexity as to why these Galatians would abandon a life of _____ for a life of legalism under the law.