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Don't Go Back into Bondage

Galatians 4:8-20

The Apostle Paul had reminded them that because they were adopted as “sons” into the family of God, they were free from the bondage and slavery of the law.

However, in our text, Paul pours out his frustration as he scolds the Galatians for their foolishness because while their status as “sons” granted them freedom, many of them were tempted to go back into bondage of the Law.

The thesis and theme of Paul’s admonition to the Galatians and to each of us today is, **“since you have been set free, don’t go back into bondage!”**

I. A Passionate Argument

1. Their P Past (v8)

The word “know” = to see with perception; to understand; to tell the difference; it is a word that means to have a general knowledge of a thing.

2. Their Present S as Adopted Children of God (v9a)

In verse 8 – “know” = to have a general knowledge of.

In verse 9 – “know” = to have an intimate relationship with – to know E.

The “**weak and beggarly elements**” refer not to paganism, but to the L_____ of the law.

II. A Personal Appeal (V12-16)

1. The Closeness of His Initial Relationship with the Galatians

Paul speaks to them as a loving father and pastor by making an agonizing appeal for them to turn back to the truth.

2. The Distance in His Relationship with the Galatians (v 16)

Something had happened to D_____ their initial joy when they were loyal to Paul and his message of grace.

III. A Pastoral Advice

1. The Judaizers Wanted to Develop a F_____ Club (v17-18)

2. Paul Wanted to Develop Disciples of Christ (v19-20)

The point of this study is to encourage each of us to make up our minds to decide that we will not go back into the bondage of our past.