



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, July 20, 2025

Galatians 4:8-20 – Until Christ is Formed in You

Paul warns the Galatians not to be misled into returning to their religious self-righteousness. Instead, he pleads with them to imitate him as he imitates Jesus. His greatest desire for them is that Christ may be formed in them.

Don't turn back to weak and miserable forces.

Become like me.

Be zealous for a good purpose.

We respond and apply the Word of God we have heard by speaking the truth only in love.

Speaking the truth in love, may you grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (Ephesians 4:15-16)

Discussion Questions:

- How does Paul feel about the Galatians? What is his heart attitude towards them? Why?
- Do we love our brothers and sisters in the Lord as Paul did? Do we labor for them to be conformed to the image of Christ?
- Why does Paul warn the Galatians not to return to weak and miserable forces? What are these forces?
- What does Paul mean when he tells the Galatians to become like him? What does Paul's illness and his resultant connection with the Galatians teach us?
- How can we be zealous for a good purpose? What are the good purposes we should pursue?
- How can Christ be formed in us?