

# GALATIANS

The Gospel & True Freedom

Study 10. Gospel Centered Ministry

Galatians 4:12-20



# STRUCTURE

1. The True Gospel (Gal 1-2)
2. The Inclusive Gospel (Gal 3-4)
3. The Liberating Gospel (Gal 5-6)





## Levitical Laws

Food laws  
Sacrifices

Circumcision





**Given God's Spirit**

**Children of  
Abraham**

**Adopted Sons of God**



# THE INCLUSIVE GOSPEL

Study 8 Galatians 4:1-7 Sonship in Christ

Study 9 Galatians 4:8-11 The folly of returning to the Law

Study 10 Galatians 4:12-20 Gospel Centered Ministry

Study 11 Galatians 4:21-31 The Choice of Two Sons



## FALSE TEACHERS

$$\text{Faith} + \text{Obey Law} = \text{Salvation}$$

## PAUL

$$\text{Faith} = \text{Salvation} \rightarrow \text{Obey Law}$$



# JEW -MOSAIC LAW

"the elements of the world," regulations about food, drink, and all kinds of material things and outward actions.

# GENTILE WORSHIP

cheap earthly elements of sacrifices, temples, ceremonies,



**SLAVERY**

<https://hellenicfaith.com/do-ut-des/>



# CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

Imperative -command

Galatians 4:12-20 (ESV) 12 Brothers, I entreat you,  
become as I am, for I also have become as you are.

You did me no wrong. 13 You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, 14 and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus.



# Paul

Pharisee



Levitical Laws

Food laws  
Sacrifices

Circumcision

Philippians 3:4-6 (ESV) though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.





Galatians 4:12-20 (ESV) 12  
Brothers, I entreat you,  
become as I am, for I also  
have become as you are.

Philippians 3:7 (ESV) 7 But  
whatever gain I had, I counted  
as loss for the sake of Christ.



1 Corinthians 9:20-21 (ESV) o those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law.



**UNDER THE CROSS ALL EQUAL**





## CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

Galatians 4:12-20 (ESV) 12 Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. 13 You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, 14 and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus.



## REVERSAL

Galatians 4:15-16 (ESV) 15 What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me. 16 Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?

Paul presented the gospel truth and the result was the Galatians who were once regarded him highly . Now considered as someone with hostile intent



# FALSE TEACHERS SHOWER ATTENTION



Enslave them to the law again  
and continue to gain their  
adulation and support

# PAUL EXPOSES JUDAISERS

Zeloo----Zealously cultivating

Galatians 4:17 (ESV) They  
make much of you, but for  
no good purpose. They  
want to shut you out, that  
you may make much of  
them.



EVERY BOOK OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, WITH THE EXCEPTION  
OF PHILEMON, WARNS BELIEVERS OF FALSE TEACHERS.





....want to shut you out, that you may make much of them.

<https://www.facebook.com/BennyHinnMinistries/>



Galatians 4:17 (ESV) They  
make much of you, but for no  
good purpose

WHEN GOD  
WANTS TO  
BLESS  
YOU

*Apostle Joshua Selman*

SUBSCRIBE





Author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *Your Best Life Now*

# Become a Better You

7 Keys to Improving Your Life Every Day

JOEL OSTEEN

Read by the author

THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER  
MORE THAN 8 MILLION SOLD WORLDWIDE

# YOUR *Best Life* NOW



*7 STEPS TO  
LIVING AT YOUR  
FULL POTENTIAL*

JOEL OSTEEN

READ BY THE AUTHOR

Galatians 4:17 (ESV) They  
make much of you, but for no  
good purpose



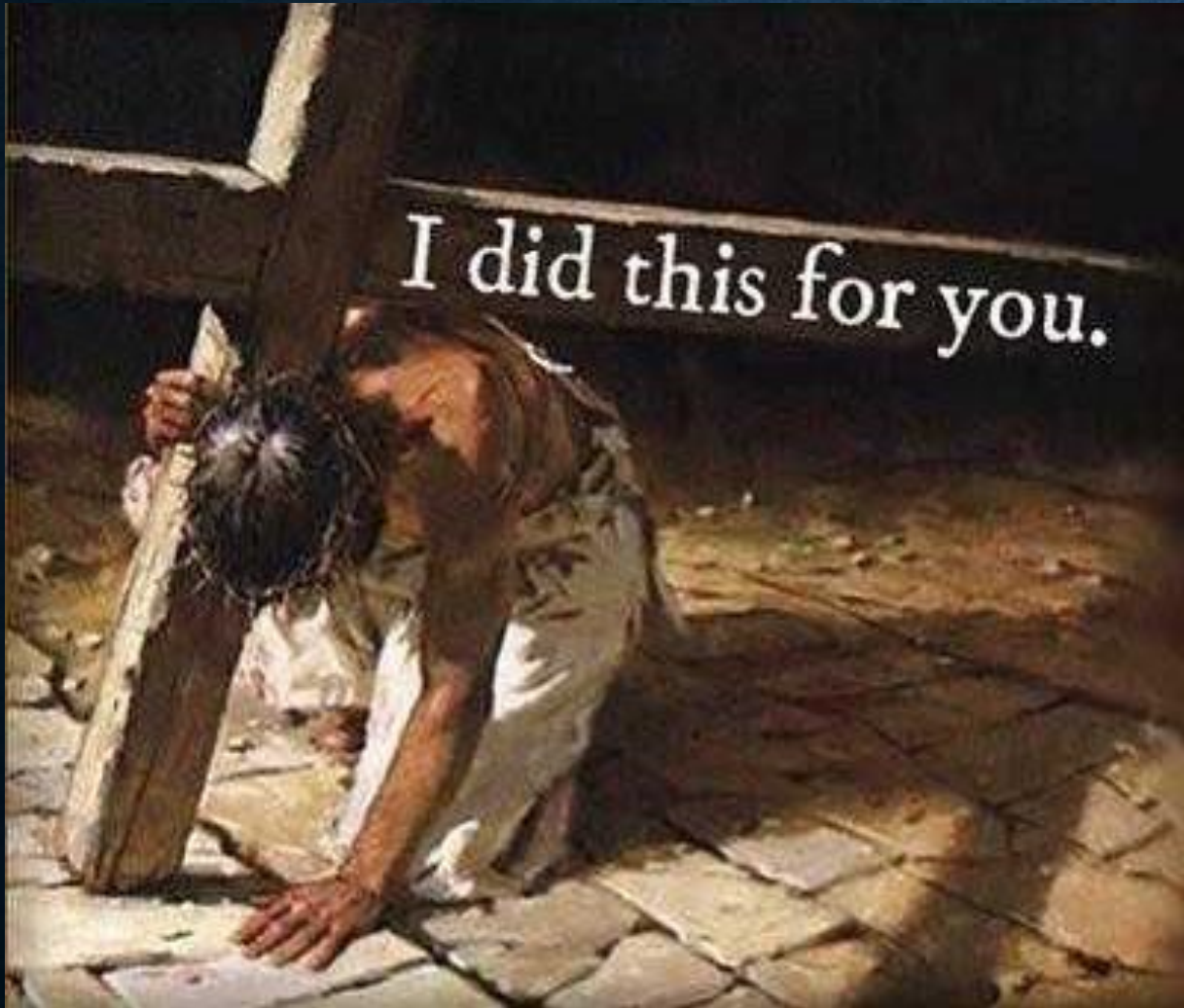
# ERRORS OF PROSPERITY GOSPEL



The Abrahamic covenant is a means to material entitlement.



# ERRORS OF PROSPERITY GOSPEL



Jesus's atonement extends to the "sin" of material poverty.



# ERRORS OF PROSPERITY GOSPEL



Christians give in order to gain material compensation from God.



# ERRORS OF PROSPERITY GOSPEL

**May the  
force  
be with  
you**

<https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/303105253542>

Faith is a self-generated  
spiritual force that leads to  
prosperity.





# ERRORS OF PROSPERITY GOSPEL



Prayer is a tool to force  
God to grant prosperity.




## PAUL'S MOTIVE

Nothing wrong with gaining attention

Galatians 4:18-20 (ESV) It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, 19 my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! 20 I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.



A blurred background image of a woman lying in a hospital bed, appearing to be in labor. She is wearing a white hospital gown and has her head tilted back. The focus is on the text overlays.

I am again in the anguish  
of childbirth until Christ  
is formed in you

Galatian church founded  
in the midst of persecution  
Paul suffered  
Now again Paul is in  
anguish due to false  
teaching

*Image Credit:  
christinarosepix/Shutt  
erstock.com*



# THE GOAL OF ALL GOSPEL MINDED WORKERS

Ephesians 4:11-13 (ESV) 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ





<https://www.pack-63.org/2024/02/10/oaks-from-acorns/>



# FORMING CHRIST IN THE DISCIPLE NOT THE LEADER



- Form yourself through the person..
- Making friends to see you formed in them
- To admire you
- To praise you
- Never to criticize you
- Support
- people who look up to you always confirming you



# **JEALOUSY**



Exclusivity  
Hold power to self  
Control





# EXPANDING CIRCLE

<https://experiencelife.lifetime.life/article/the-value-of-intergenerational-relationships/>



## WHAT BARNABAS DID AT THE ANTIOCH CHURCH


Acts 11:23 When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, 24 for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. 25 So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch



# GOSPEL CENTERED MINISTRY

- There is no compromise with the gospel
- Love for the people we minister to ..it is not just a job
- Emotions are involved..Metaphor of mother –children
- Vision for Christ formation in you
- Yet the goal is not personal loyalty but that Christ be formed





Galatians 4:20 (ESV) 20 I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

**WILLING TO GO INTO LABOUR**

*Image Credit:  
christinarosepix/Shutt  
erstock.com*



## HIS MOTIVATION TO SUFFER

2 Timothy 2:8-10 (ESV) 8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.