

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: May 21, 2023
Galatians 4:8-20

1. What were we talking about in the previous scripture?
 - a. The law as guardian or custodian, keeping us until the promise came through the seed of Abraham.
 - b. How someone who is underage is still under a guardian and not much different from a slave, though they own the whole estate.
 - c. The importance of “coming of age” and no longer being a slave and how in Christ we come of age.

2. What does Paul begin to talk about in verse 8?
 - a. This is something different.
 - b. He is using slavery to describe who we were before we knew God.
 - c. He says that before we knew God, we were slaves to those who were not gods.

3. What were you a slave to before you knew God? _____

4. What does Paul say they are doing in verses 9-10?
 - a. Turning back to those ‘weak and miserable forces’ that held us captive before.
 - b. Choosing to become enslaved all over again.
 - c. Observing special days and months and seasons and years.

5. Does this slavery only apply to the law? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

6. What does Paul fear, according to verse 11? _____

7. What does Paul please with them about, according to verses 12-15?
 - a. He asks them to “become like me.”
 - b. He reminds them that they treated him well before and asks them to not treat him with contempt or scorn.
 - c. He is asking them for the same kind of treatment that they would have offered him when they would have torn out their eyes and given them to him.
 - d. He is really asking them to listen to his correction and trust in Jesus for salvation rather than the things that other people have been preaching.

8. What, according to verses 16, has he done to become their enemy? _____

9. Have you ever felt like a previously trusted preacher/teacher/mentor is your enemy because of some correction that they brought to you? _____

10. What does Paul say about the preachers they were listening to, according to verses 17-20? _____

11. How does Paul describe his feelings about the Galatian church in verses 19-20? _____

12. Have you ever felt this way about somebody in whom you have invested? _____
