

## Galatians 4: Born of Christ 4-20-14

### I. Review of the Galatian Dilemma

- A. The Galatians have left Christ
- B. They have followed another Gospel
  - 1. This new gospel is “elemental”
  - 2. Paul has a great “fear” for them
  - 3. They have fallen from Grace
- C. In Chapter 4 we will see:
  - 1. They have an adoption in Christ
  - 2. They are turning back to slavery
  - 3. They have true friends and false friends; there is a way to tell them apart

### II. The Inheritance of God

- A. The value of the testament of Christ
  - 1. Heirs as sons rather than servants
  - 2. The Inheritance of God
  - 3. Only as sons is an inheritance possible
- B. That Which Enslaves
  - 1. The observance of religious holidays Colossians 2:20-23
    - a. They can put one into bondage
    - b. They can cause apostasy
    - c. They can cause vain worship
  - 2. When can WE observe days? Colossians 2:16-17
    - a. Individually
    - b. Fully discerning them

### C. An Enemy Who Tells Truth

- 1. True Friends will speak to you the truth (4:16,20)

*Psalms 141:5 Let the righteous strike me; it shall be a kindness. And let him rebuke me; it shall be as excellent oil; let my head not refuse -*

*Proverbs 13:18 Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, but he who regards a rebuke will be honored -*

*Proverbs 15:31-32 The ear that hears the rebukes of life will abide among the wise. He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, but he who heeds rebuke gets understanding -*

- 2. False Friends will tell you what they want (4:17)

*Proverbs 26:23-26 Fervent lips with a wicked heart are like earthenware covered with silver dross. He who hates, disguises it with his lips, and lays up deceit within himself; when he speaks kindly, do not believe him, for there are seven abominations in his heart; though his hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness will be revealed before the assembly*

### III. Two Covenants

- A. Sinai vs. Zion
- B. Hagar vs. Sarah
- C. Ishmael vs. Isaac
- D. Jerusalem vs. New Jerusalem

### IV Conclusion: Will You Hear the Truth?

- A. Few people are willing to listen to God