THEME of GALATIANS: Salvation by Grace Through Faith

Galatians 4:12-20

I beg of you, brethren, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You have done me no wrong; but you know that it was because of a bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the first time;

and that which was a trial to you in my bodily condition you did not despise or loathe, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus Himself. Where then is that sense of blessing you had?

For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me. So have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?

They eagerly seek you, not commendably, but they wish to shut you out so that you will seek them. But it is good always to be eagerly sought in a commendable manner, and not only when I am present with you.

My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you-but I could wish to be present with you now and to change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

Galatians

The Salutation, 1:1-5

The Defection From Salvation By Grace, Through Faith, 1:6-10.

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- The Defense of Salvation by Grace, through Faith, 1:11-4:31.
 - By Paul's Own Experiences, 1:11-2:21.
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 - By Abraham's Experiences, 3:6-9.
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- Through the Benefits of Sonship, 4:1-11.
- Through a Pastoral appeal, 4:12-20.
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 Paul's appeal based on his noble goal for them, 4:19-20.

We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me. Colossians 1:28-29

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- 1. There has always been the conflict between works and faith.
- 2. There has always been the conflict between the flesh and the Spirit.

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- 3. There has always been the conflict between the Law and the promise.
- 4. Those who promote works of the Law by the Flesh have ALWAYS persecuted those who promote faith in the Promise by the Spirit!

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5. God's choice has always been to work with the one who, through the Spirit, has faith in the promise.

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