

TWO RELIGIONS; TWO MINISTRIES – GAL. 4:8-20

Series: GOD'S GLORIOUS GRACE: A STUDY IN GALATIANS

¹¹ And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds.

Acts 14:11-13 (ESV)

1. THE _____ OF BIBLICAL RELIGION

⁸ Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. ⁹ But now that you know God--or rather are known by God--how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? ¹⁰ You are observing special days and months and seasons and years! *Galatians 4:8-10 (NIV)*

2. THE ASSURANCE OF BEING " _____ "

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³ But the man who loves God is known by God. *1 Corinthians 8:3 (NIV)*

³ I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. ⁴ My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. *1 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NIV)*

3. GOSPEL MINISTRY IS

¹⁷ Those people are zealous to win you over, but for no good. What they want is to alienate you [from us], so that you may be zealous for them. ¹⁸ It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always and not just when I am with you. ¹⁹ My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, ²⁰ how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you! *Galatians 4:17-20 (NIV)*

4. GOD AND _____

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. *Romans 8:28 (NIV)*

²⁹ For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son, so that his Son would be the First, with many brothers. *Romans 8:29 (TLB)*

⁷ To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. *2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NIV)*

5. IS _____ NOW THE ENEMY?

¹⁴ Even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus himself. ¹⁵ What has happened to all your joy? I can testify that, if you could have done so, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. ¹⁶ Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth? *Galatians 4:14-16 (NIV)*

6. TWO GOALS OF TWO _____

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¹² I plead with you, brothers, become like me, for I became like you. You have done me no wrong. *Galatians 4:12 (NIV)*