

**Galatians:**  
**“Justification Through Faith in Christ Alone”**  
**Scriptural References**

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**Part 13: Chapter 4:8-20 “Our Adoption As Children of God”**  
**Wednesday, January 24th, 2024**

**Galatians 4:8-20:**

**8** *Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods.*

**9** *But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?*

**10** *You observe days and months and seasons and years!*

**11** *I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.*

**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.*

**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?*

**17** *They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them.*

**18** *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.*

### **Relating To Verses 8 & 9:**

#### **Romans 1:18-20**

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.*

#### **Romans 1:21-25**

*For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.*

#### **Matthew 7:22-23**

*On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'*

## **Relating To Verses 12 & 13:**

### **2 Corinthians 11:21-29**

*To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?*