

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: Reject Slavery

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 4:8-20

'...the old ways promise liberty... but always lead to domination, destruction and enslavement...why go back to that...'

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

How do we as Christians sometimes remember with 'rosy retrospection' our pre-salvation lives?

How can this lead to backsliding?

Why do we become attracted to our former putrid ways vs. 9?

How do we see this in culture today? How is it easier to live in 'chaos', than to work toward living in 'order' (godliness)?

What happened to the Galatians when they 'looked back' vs. 15-17?

How do we protect ourselves from the lie of the enemy that freedom is not "in God", but apart from God, that rather than protecting us (the truth), He is a tyrant (the lie)?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How do your actions sometimes betray that you take your salvation for granted?

How do you introspectively monitor the temptation pulling on your heart to return to your "old ways"?

How are "pleasure" and "comfort" and "unbelieving friends" some areas where we need to make sure we aren't longing for a 'former' time that never really existed?

What are your motives for determining which things are those you are willing to fight for?

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

What is the importance of the distinction Paul makes in the middle of vs. 9, that we are "known by God"?

How do we heed the message and stay the course vs. 11? Are you truly willing to suffer and be sanctified by discomfort in order to stand up for the things of God?

What is the lesson for us in Paul's statement in vs. 16 about the nature of correction in the Christian life?

How will remembering and meditating upon 'our new life' 2 Corinthians 5:17, 'our new hope' Romans 6:4, 'our new lifestyle' Romans 6:14, and 'our new priorities' Colossians 3:1 help to keep us on a godly track, without 'looking back'?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

How will you choose to press forward, rather than letting the old ways slip in once again? How do we return to our first true love to the glory of God?