

# GALATIANS

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## READ

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## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Describe the situation for Gentiles before conversion to Christ (v. 8). (Identify two primary characteristics.)
2. Discuss the difference between coming to know God and being known by God (v. 9a). (What is the particular significance of the latter? Does Matthew 7:21-23 contribute anything?)
3. Discuss the setting for Paul's original presentation of the gospel to the Galatians (vv. 12-15). (How did God use that situation?)
4. What are the Judaizers seeking to do (v. 17)? What is their intention?
5. Why are the Galatians turning back to "elemental things" (v. 9b)?

What are these elemental things (c.f., v. 4)? Identify two characteristics.

What is the result of turning back to elemental things?

What is so attractive about turning back to the former life?

6. What is the significance of v. 10? How does this verse fit into Paul's point?

7. What is Paul's fear (v. 11)? What makes this fear so serious? (What is Paul suggesting?)

8. Concerning the Galatians, Paul is further . . . (v. 20).

9. What is meant by "Christ is formed in you" (v. 19)? Why is this such an important goal?

Are there obstacles to Christ being formed in *you*? What gets in your way?

Under what circumstances do you seem to make better progress in this formation?

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will follow Paul's example this week by . . .

I will dwell on my blessings & joys in Christ this week by . . .

I will love the truth this week by . . .