

**False Teaching and Man's Pride**  
**Galatians 4:12-20**  
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In these verses, Paul continues to reveal the pastoral concern he has for the believers in Galatia. Their openness to the false doctrine of 'justification by works' has threatened their unity with Christ, and their unity with one another. Paul seeks to expose the selfish origin of this false doctrine, and encourage them towards godly unity.

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**Paul's relationship with the Galatians is jeopardized by the fact that he loves them too much to \_\_\_\_\_ their wrong thinking...**

**Verse 16** – *Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?*

Paul points out that the false teachers who were persuading the Galatians have done so by appealing to their pride – by 'making much of them'.

**DEFINITION: FLATTERY** – the act of \_\_\_\_\_ someone excessively, especially from motives of self-interest.

**Flattery is an integral component of any religious system that is \_\_\_\_\_-based.**

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The flattery of the false teachers in Galatia was similar to the tactic used by another flatterer – the serpent of Genesis 2:2-5.

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**\*There is a difference between FLATTERY and \_\_\_\_\_**

**Galatians 4:18** – *It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose,*

**Sincere encouragement...**

- \_\_\_\_\_ what God has said of you
- \_\_\_\_\_ in the victory God has displayed in your testimony
- \_\_\_\_\_ us that we have great hope in Jesus