

When Slaves Become Sons

Galatians 4:8-11

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Paul hopes that the Galatians truly KNOW God...

There are three common verbs for the word 'knowledge' in New Testament Greek:

- **Epistamai** - to be _____ with something by exposure to it.
- **Oida** –To know by careful _____ or study.
- **Ginosko** – to know by first-hand personal _____

To know God in a saving sense, we must do more than know about Him, we must come to know Him personally, by experience.

Paul had to sow the seeds of true faith, but the problem is this:
We have an _____, and the _____ doesn't give up so easily.

The 'elementary principles of the world' mentioned in verse 3 and verse 8 are more than mere rules – they are spiritual forces of deception that seek to defile the Galatians' understanding of the true gospel.

In the letter to the Galatians, Paul is battling against bad doctrine. But bad doctrine is not just a threat to our freedom, it is nothing less than _____.

Paul reveals this spiritual threat to us throughout his letters to the churches...

1 Corinthians 8:4-6 –

1 Corinthians 10:20-22 –

The twisted doctrines of demons would try and accomplish two primary goals:

- 1. Make us think _____ of God.**
- 2. Make us think _____ of ourselves.**

Colossians 2:20-23 –

Ephesians 6:10-13 –

Take care to guard your heart from the schemes of our spiritual enemies, but do not fear – if you are truly in Christ, then you will not be lured away. (see Romans 8:37-39)