

Paul's Final Plea
Galatians 4:8-31
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Verse: Galatians 4:4-5

Homework: Galatians 2

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- Don't go back! 4:8-11
 - Life B.C. (Before Christ) – You were enslaved by the “basic principles.”
 - Do you really want to go back to kindergarten?
 - Do you want to go back to the Law?
 - Actually, yes, yes, we do want to go back. (see 6:4!)
 - Days? = Jewish observances (context).
- Paul Pleading 4:12-16
 - Who are you going to follow? Paul or them?
 - Reminder of shared history: Love for Paul
- Paul Perplexed 4:17-20
 - “Those people...”
 - They want to lock you back up in the prison you just escaped!
 - Paul doesn't know whether to yell or cry...
- Choose your family... 4:21-31
 - Background: Judaizers – A group of people who taught that it is required to become just like them to be saved!
 - Physical Descent =
 - Jews: Isaac, by Sarah! (Free!)
 - Gentiles: Ishmael, by Hagar! (Slaves!)
 - Paul's Point: You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus!
 - Spiritual Descent=
 - Judaizers: Ishmael, by Hagar (Enslaved to the LAW!)
 - Galatians: Isaac, by Sarah! (Free!)
 - Compare: John 8:31-58 for similar themes – Abraham/ Fatherhood; Slavery/ Freedom

Key:

- Law or Faith/ Slave or Son/ Hagar or Sarah?

Application:

- Choose wisely!
 - Next week: How do we respond to freedom?