



METRO NEW YORK WORLD MINISTRY
ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL CONTRIBUTING NOTES
For the week of August 19 – August 25, 2017
Lesson #9 of **“The Gospel in Galatians”**



Paul's Pastoral Appeal

Memory Text: *“Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; for I am as ye are: ye have not injured me at all.”* ([Galatians 4:12 KJV](#)).

Read and Meditate for This Week's Study:

Galatians 4:12-20; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 3:17; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:7-12; Matthew 26:64-65; Jeremiah 36:17-23; Luke 4:23-30; John 3:19;

Main Thought for the Week: We cannot be effective co-laborers together with God in the work of salvation if we do not have the heart of God. To do God's work, we must have our own experience in the things of Christ, and the Holy Spirit must be changing us into the image of Jesus day by day. This week, we will look at these aspects of Paul's experience with the Galatian believers, and how these characteristics were essential in his work of restoring them to the truth of the Gospel of Christ.



The Challenge to Become

Monday's Summary – August 21:

1. What Biblical principle does Paul present repeatedly in the New Testament?

Galatians 4:12 _____

1 Corinthians 11:1 _____

Philippians 3:17 _____

2 Thessalonians 3:7-9 _____

Acts 26:28-29 _____

Discuss/Consider: Do you believe that we are called to be examples to those in our homes, schools, churches, jobs, and neighborhoods? What do we need to change in order to be the kind of examples that Jesus, Paul, Daniel and others were?

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



The Power to Become is in the Message

Tuesday's Summary – August 22:

1. What key principle did Paul learn and apply in regards to evangelism?

1 Corinthians 9:20-22 _____

1 Corinthians 2:1-2 _____

Acts 17:16,22 _____

ILLUMINATION: The experience of the apostle Paul in meeting the philosophers of Athens has a lesson for us. In presenting the gospel before the court of the Areopagus, Paul met logic with logic, science with science, philosophy with philosophy. The wisest of his hearers were astonished and silenced. His words could not be controverted. But the effort bore little fruit. Few were led to accept the gospel. Henceforth Paul adopted a different manner of labor. He avoided elaborate arguments and discussion of theories, and in simplicity pointed men and women to Christ as the Saviour of sinners. Writing to the Corinthians of his work among them, he said: "I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.... My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.

– Ellen G. White, **Ministry of Healing**, p. 214

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



Speaking the Truth

Thursday's Summary – August 24:

1. What is one relationship between **truth** and **conflict**?

Galatians 4:16 _____

John 8:39-40 _____

John 3:19 _____

Appeal: Why not take some time today to reflect on your relationship with truth - how you search for it, how you share it, how you receive it. Ask God to show you how these things should be in your life. _____

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



Wrapping It All Up...

Friday's Summary – August 25:

ILLUMINATION: In the Galatian churches, open, unmasked error was supplanting the gospel message. Christ, the true foundation of the faith, was virtually renounced for the obsolete ceremonies of Judaism. The apostle saw that if the believers in Galatia were saved from the dangerous influences which threatened them, the most decisive measures must be taken, the sharpest warnings given.

An important lesson for every minister of Christ to learn is that of adapting his labors to the condition of those whom he seeks to benefit. Tenderness, patience, decision, and firmness are alike needful; but these are to be exercised with proper discrimination. To deal wisely with different classes of minds, under varied circumstances and conditions, is a work requiring wisdom and judgment enlightened and sanctified by the Spirit of God. – Ellen G. White, *“Acts of the Apostles”*, pp. 385-386

Final Thoughts: At Metro New York World Ministry, we seek to emphasize the loving care with which Christ calls us to minister in His vineyard. We need to have a burden for souls “as they that must give an account.” Not only are we to labor for those who know nothing of the gospel, but we are to care for those who have accepted the gospel message, and also for those who have turned away from the truth they once rejoiced in. We have to cooperate with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in Their work of redemption for humanity, recognizing that it is the power and witness of our own Christian experience that will have the greatest influence for good in the work of evangelism for lost or wayward souls.

PERSONAL NOTES: _____

