

Why Some Leave The Lord

Galatians

I. Truth Is Narrow

Gal.1:6-9

- Turning away

Desert.

1 K.21:25, of Jezebel's influence...

– If angels cannot change gospel . . .

- So soon...

- From Him... Not merely an exchange of one set of opinions for another

By leaving grace of Christ, they leave Christ Himself. Mt.19

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II. Shallow Convictions

Gal.2:4-5

- Paul refused to yield to error for one hour. The Galatians . . .
- Issue: truth vs error. It does matter.

Acts 15

1. Approved example, 5,6,7,11
2. Forced conclusion, 12
3. Direct statement, 13-18

Gal.2:4-5

- Error: not one hour
- Truth: continue
 - Mt.13:20-21, no root, temporary
 - Mt.15:13, rooted up
 - Col.2:7, rooted in Him
 - Converted to congregation?

Someone hurts
feelings

Congregation
accepts error

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Gal.3:1

- Bewitch, cast a spell (they have been duped)
- Though Paul's preaching publicly displayed Christ crucified, they have been captivated by enemies of His cross.

Gal.4, Paul equates Jewish ritual with heathen practices

- **9:** You are turning again to . . . ???
- **16:** ‘Is this the consequence of my plain dealing with you, that you view me now as your enemy?’
- **17-18:** they zealously court you –
 - Want to exclude you (from Paul)
 - That you may be zealous for them

Gal. 5:1-4

- Galatians were saved
- Galatians are still religious
- Galatians still 'believe' in God
- Galatians are still zealous
- Galatians are lost??

Jude 12, clouds?

- They appear everywhere. Gn.3;
2 Pt.2:1
- They are moved by wind. 2 Pt.2:17
- They don't always keep their promises.
 - Promise salvation by law of Moses
 - Promise salvation by faith alone
 - Promise impossibility of apostasy

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Gal.5:13-21

- **13:** opportunity, occasion; war term – base of operations.

Free slave: authority to kill banker?
Free from sin, not to sin

Many who clamor for freedom are really seeking anarchy. 1 Pt.2:16

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- **13:** opportunity, occasion; war term – base of operations.
- **16:** if follow Spirit, will avoid lusts.
- **17:** flesh against Spirit: in opposition to.

HS: do NOT...
(19-21)

HS: DO...
(22-23)

Battle lasts till we die or surrender

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V. Lose Enthusiasm

Gal. 6:9

- **Grow weary:** lose enthusiasm, be discouraged; lose hope
- **Lose heart:** faintness of soul in discharge of Lord's charges

3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: *“My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him – Hb.12*

Conclusion

‘Terrific energy is expended – civilizations are built up – excellent institutions devised; but each time something goes wrong. Some fatal flaw always brings the selfish and cruel people to the top and it all slides back into misery and ruin. In fact, the machine conks. It seems to start up all right and runs a few yards, and then it breaks down. They are trying to run it on the wrong juice’