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Msg. 8: The Attitude Of Grace!

Galatians 4:8-31

I. The Attitude Of Grace:

A. Who is **Influencing** your attitude? Galatians 4:8-12

1. There are ultimately only two influences in our lives - _____ or _____. Galatians 4:8-11
 - a. If we are walking by Grace we are being influenced by God.
 - b. If we are bound to legalistic requirements, or anything contrary to the _____ of God's Word, we are being influenced by Satan.
2. Paul urges the Galatians to be like him, _____ by Grace.

B. What is the **Character** of your attitude? _____ or _____: Galatians 4:13-16

1. Verse 14: Paul reminds them of their former charity towards him.
2. Verse 13, 15: Paul had come to them with a bodily ailment, that was very trying, but they had received him with grace and compassion.
3. **However** – having begun in Grace, marked by charity and compassion – they were now _____ and _____, much like Job's miserable comforters.
4. Verse 16: They now even viewed Paul as an enemy, simply because he told them the truth.

C. What is the **Motivation** of your attitude: _____ or _____: Galatians 4:17-29

1. The enemy's desire is to control us by leading us into legalistic systems that produce _____, _____, and _____. He knows that those who are bound will in turn bind others.

2. Contrast the attitude of false teachers to the true teachers of Grace (Paul):
 - a. Verse 17: False teachers – they are ultimately only concerned about themselves.
 - b. Verses 18-19: Teachers of Grace – concerned that those they teach might be captivated and transformed by Grace and the character of Christ!
 - c. Verses 20-29: Paul illustrates this point using the conflict between Hagar (Mt. Sinai, the Law, earthly Jerusalem, Ishmael – the father of the Arab race), and Sarah (the heavenly Jerusalem, Grace, Isaac – the son of Promise).

D. How do we **Deal With** bad attitudes? Galatians 4:30-31

1. You cannot _____ bad attitudes. They must be _____, put to death, removed.
2. Verses 30-31: “But what does the Scripture say? Cast out the slave woman and her son...”
3. How do we do that?
 - a. We **crucify** (_____, reckon dead with Christ) the flesh (our bad attitudes):
Romans 8:12-13: “So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life.” (Message)
 - b. We _____ our minds with Grace through God's Word:
Romans 12:1-3: “... (Verse 3) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”
 - c. We take every thought _____ (that is opposed to Grace) in obedience to Christ:
II Corinthians 10:1-5: (Verses 4-5) “The weapons we use in our fight are not made by humans. Rather, they are powerful weapons from God. With them...we take every thought captive so that it is obedient to Christ.” (God's Word).