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Galatians 4:8-11

“Why Be Slaves to Worthless Things?”

I. We were idolaters. (v. 8)

8 But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods. - **Galatians 4:8 NKJV**

“Anything can be an idol, and everything has been an idol ... It is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give what only God can give.” – Timothy Keller

II. Is there anything better than being known by God? (vv. 9-10)

9 But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how [is it that] you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?
- **Galatians 4:9-10 NKJV**

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. - **Romans 1:16 NKJV**

10 You observe days and months and seasons and years.
- **Galatians 4:9-10 NKJV**

13 Bring no more futile sacrifices; Incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies--I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. 14 Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; They are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing [them]. - **Isaiah 1:13-14 NKJV**

13 Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me ... - **Isaiah 29:13 NKJV**

5 One person esteems [one] day above another; another esteems every day [alike]. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 He who observes the day, observes [it] to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe [it]. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.
- **Romans 14:5-6 NKJV**

III. Stop and consider what you believe. (v. 11)

11 I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.
- **Galatians 4:11 NKJV**

“If you were a slave and are now a son, if you did not know God but have now come to know Him and to be known by Him, how can you turn back again to the old slavery? How can you allow yourself to be enslaved by the very elemental spirits from whom Jesus Christ has rescued you?” – John Stott

4 For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,
- **2 Corinthians 10:4-5 NKJV**

Truths to Take with Us.

1. **Be careful not to create idols.**
2. **Abide in God and His word.**
3. **Take every thought captive.**