

Losing My Religion

Galatians 4:1-7

1. Religion Removed From The Gospel Always Enslaves (vs. 1-3)

"I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.

Galatians 4:1-3

Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods.

Galatians 4:8

"God intended the law to reveal sin and to drive men to Christ; Satan uses it to reveal sin and to drive men to despair. God meant the law as an interim step to man's justification; Satan uses it as the final step to his condemnation." - John Stott

RELIGION: If we obey, God will love us.

GOSPEL: God has loved us through Jesus so that we can obey.

RELIGION: You should trust in what you do as a good moral person to earn the grace of God.

GOSPEL: You should trust in the perfect, sinless life of Jesus because He alone is the only good and truly moral person who will ever live.

2. God Liberates Us from Our Enslavement Through The Gospel (vs 4-7)

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God."

Galatians 4:4-7

A. The Focus Of The Gospel Is God's Work, Not Our Work (v. 4)

B. The Gift Of The Gospel Is Adoption By His Spirit (vs. 6-7)

"And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God." Galatians 4:6-7