

Serious pathology in Galatia – spiritual and social

The Apostle Paul asks two telling questions

I. “What has become of your blessedness?” [15]

An erosion of the solidarity they had shared – a diminishment of _____

Why has their _____ diminished?

A. The _____ – the Gospel – is being neglected

“The only alternative to the Gospel is _____” [Pastor Jim]

B. Religious idolatry

1. Extra-Biblical lists – checklists

“You observe days and months and seasons and years!” [10]

Merit is shifted _____ Christ’s righteousness to our _____ (supposed) righteousness

2. The seduction of false theology

_____ vs. the Gospel – the false teachers are out for themselves!

II. “Have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?” [16]

Truth and affection are being set at odds – a false _____ / _____

A. Irony: Paul’s affection is remarkable! He is hardly an enemy!

“My little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!”

[Galatians 3:19]

B. Truth is _____ to communal affection

C. Gospel truth

Remember the basis for Galatians 3:28

1. The reality of _____ – “You are all sons of God, through faith” [Gal. 3:26]

2. We are all “in Christ” – we get the same _____ at the banquet [Gal. 3:27]

D. Truth telling is an act of _____

Paul speaks the truth precisely because of his love for the Galatians

“Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses”

III. We remember _____ – in community

A. We need to root idols out of our hearts

B. We need to keep truth on the _____

“I have set the LORD always _____ me” [Psalm 16:8]

“If you want a good relationship you _____ it in the truth.” [Jordan Peterson]

Habits of the heart: “Repeated _____ that get hold of our hearts”

1. _____ practices

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”

2. Specifically intentional practices--“Good, well-worn _____”

IV. Our Lord and Savior

“Full of great and truth” [John 1:14]

The living Lord _____ and _____ with us as we travel

We pay attention to Him together