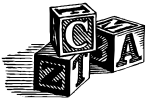


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "Paul's Theological Defense: His Passionate Plea for Restoration," (Galatians 4:12-20).



Basic Ideas from Galatians 4:12-20.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know the Shepherd heart of God.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose the good shepherd over grievous wolves.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy resting in the protective and compassionate arms of God.



Basic Questions from Galatians 4:12-20.

1. What is Paul's tone in verse 12? Why is this tone communicated? Notice verse 20.
2. Do you think the Galatians are perhaps embarrassed at their defection? Or maybe they are proud and thus offended by Paul's tone?
3. What does Paul reference in verses 13 and 14 and why does he reference this?
4. Despite Paul's appearance what was their initial response to him (v. 14)?
5. How does Paul describe their affection for him when he first came (v. 15)?
6. What caused their opinion of him to change (v. 16)?
7. Who does Paul reference in verse 17?
8. What was the goal of the false brethren (v. 17)? Notice Acts 20:30 [PLEASE READ].
9. How does Paul describe his ministry in their behalf (v. 19)?
10. What was Paul's goal for them (v. 19)?
11. What is the meaning of the expression "until Christ is formed in you?"
12. How does Paul describe himself in verse 20?
13. If you haven't done so already, at some point in your life you will likely face the decision about choosing one church to be your regular place of worship/fellowship. There are many characteristics one can choose focus on in choosing a church. What insight can you gain from Galatians 4:12-20 about what to look for when choosing a church?



The **Basic Application** from Galatians 4:12-20.

1. Let us stop seeking to conform people into our image.
2. Let us continue to embrace the rule of God over the pieces of our lives. Let us shout the supremacy of God in all things.
3. Let us continue to go the extra mile in loving people unconditionally.
4. Let us continue to make much of Christ. Let us find, celebrate and declare that He is enough in this life and in the life that is to come.
5. Let us continue to pray that we will never give anyone an occasion to doubt our deep love and devotion to Christ alone.