

# Galatians 4.1-4.20

## Instructions

Carefully read all of chapters 3 & 4 and then attempt to answer the questions which follow:

### Interpretative Focus (Chapter 3 v Chapter 4)

In chapter 3, Paul is focused on the Jews' preoccupation with the law of Moses. In chapter 4 he reiterates his argument for the Gentiles who are more concerned with religious syncretism and pagan idolatry.

In chapter 3 his main topic is **justification**, while in chapter 4 it is **sanctification**.

1. What does Galatians 4.1 teach about the status of a child in an ancient Israeli home?
2. What does it mean to be under tutors and governors?
3. What do you think "until the time appointed of the father" means?  
(Hint: Consider the role of the father in the process of a male child growing up in an Israelite family)
4. What is the "bondage under the elements of the world" Paul is referring to in verse 3?
5. When the "fullness of the time was come" is a phrase Paul uses in verse 4. What do you think he meant by this?
6. In verse 5 Paul asserts that the Galatians were redeemed from the Law, but redeemed to what?  
The answer is in verse 5.

7. What two words in verse 6 imply relational intimacy between the Christian and God the Father?
8. In verse 8, how does Paul characterize the spiritual life the Galatians led before they came to the knowledge of salvation?
9. In verse 9, what does Paul say they are in danger of because of the Judaizers?
10. Read verses 10 & 11. What is Paul saying he is afraid of?
11. "I am as you are" – what do you think Paul might have meant by that in verse 12?
12. What is the question Paul is actually asking the Galatian Christians in verses 15 & 16?
13. In verse 18, what does it mean to be zealously affected for good?
14. What do you think the phrase "until Christ be formed in you" means? (Verse 19)
15. In verse 20, what very disappointing feeling does Paul express about the Galatian Christians?