

Bible Study Guide: Galatians 4:8-11
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Review Notes –

Regarding Love: **John 3:16**. Pair this with **John 15:13**, and what do you have?
“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.”

In **John 14:15** we find Jesus saying –

“If you love Me, you will _____ my commandments.”

So, the problem that Paul is trying to correct is:

God has **not called** us into a _____ **RELATIONSHIP** with Him, ***but***

God **HAS called** us into a _____ **RELATIONSHIP** with Him.

Such a RELATIONSHIP is based on _____ in Him.

Now, we pick up with **Galatians 4:8-11** –

⁸ But then, indeed, when you **did not** know God, you served those which by nature are not gods. 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? ¹⁰ **You observe days and months and seasons and years.** ¹¹ *I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.*

v. 8 – *What is the history of these people?*

How might you easily do something similar?

v. 9 – And, now that **God has revealed Himself** to them, **HOW** is it that they would turn back to something less.

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The **first use** of this word we see as **KNOW** (v. 8) is translated from the Greek word **Oida** (*which means:*

The **second use** of the word **KNOW**, we see in v. 9 in the past tense (KNOWN). However, this word is not translated from Oida.

Rather, it comes from the word **Ginosko**.

This word refers to:

Now, let's read **verses 8-9** again... inserting **Oida**, or **Ginosko**, where needed: Paul tells them, "⁸ But then, indeed, when you *did not* God, you served those which by nature are not gods.

⁹ But now after you *have* God... or rather *are* by God, how is it that you turn again to..."

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Other key verses: **1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19; 2 Cor 6:16**

In **1 Corinthians 12:31** - Earnestly desire the greater gifts. And, I show you a *still more* excellent way.

What do each of the two greatest commandments start with? (Matt. 22:34-40)?

In **v. 11**, Paul says tells the Galatians,

"¹¹ I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain."

What does he mean by this?

Ref: 2 Corinthians 11:2-3 - ²For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin. ³But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

How might **Eph. 5:25-27** relate to this topic?