

Collegiate

Galatianism in Academic Garb

I. The Problem. The Character. 7

A. History. Prob of N or S Galatia. Know Pⁱ in Galatia 2nd journey, Acts 16:6 and 3rd 18:23. Ill 1st visit Gal 4:13-14. No hint of trouble on 2nd visit. Lots of it 5-6 yrs later. Judaisers persuaded most of churches evidently.

B. Judaisers.

1. From headquarters. Jerus. Who is Paul?
2. To flesh. For good aims, but wrong means.
3. In conformity with rearing. Most of people may have been Jews.

C. Galatianism.

It is the flesh hindering progress.

Start well, 7. Somebody cut in (originally word meant cut up as a road to hinder an army).

Same as 1 Th 2:18. Result--obey not truth. Not merely matter of preaching straight gospel, but right living. Not merely legalism vs liberty but flesh hindering progress.

End of school year this esp happens. Physical exhaustion, mental pressure all make flesh more active. Guard down. Started well last fall.

Devotions, Didn't miss. Now flesh says legalistic to have. ^{Not} To be in habit of it is not liberty, sin.

Who cut in and cut out devotions.

Ran well, disciplined life. Blow off steam but don't have right to override rights of others not to be disturbed. Who cut in.

Ran well. School's not so bad. Now pressure gets everything out of focus and everything's bad.

I know better than you. Don't let flesh give you wrong perspective.

II. The Prescription. *The Cure.* 8, 6a.

A. Diagnose the source, 8. Not God.

1. Physically tired. Mentally tired. Hold on.
2. Satan.

B. Down the cure, 6b. Faith made operative by love. Don't pray for relief, but faith to see beyond years of study and regulations. Pray for working faith. Proof. Curb and control it by love cf v 13. Not faith in liberty but love.

Not law or grace, legalism or liberty but
love. Not rights but love. And persevere in
it. Figure of race again, Heb. 12:1.

III. The Peril. The Contagion.

- A. Ruins own life.
- B. Quickly spreads to others, 9. Esp in dorm.

Concl. 10a.