

Title: O That Christ Might Be Formed In You Part 2

Text: Galatians 4:17-20

Main Idea: The highest goal of your existence is that you might be conformed to the image of the glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

Division Statements:

1. Christ is formed in us when we reject self-glorifying teachers (v. 17).

The true motive of the Judaizers is clearly exposed in this verse. Note also 6:12.

2. Christ is formed in us when we are zealous for good (v. 18).

Spend some time discussing ζηλόω - as commendably striving for something *desired, show zeal (for), set one's heart on*

3. Christ is formed in us when we rejoice in Christ-glorifying teachers (vv. 19-20).

Paul's motives stand in sharp contrast to the motives of the Judaizers. He did not want to be made much of by the Galatian churches, but He wanted Christ to be made much of and be formed in their very lives and hearts.

Bridging From Text To Sermon

Textual Idea: Paul pours out his heart and shares the goal of his ministry: the Christlikeness in God's children

Sermon Proposition: The highest goal of your existence is that you might be conformed to the image of the glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

Interrogative: How is Christ formed in us?

Transition: The text gives us four paths toward Christlikeness.

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