Sermon Notes

**Grace Abounding**

**A Sermon Series through the Book of Galatians**

**“No Longer A Slave”**

**Galatians 3: 29 – 4:9**

**A part from Christ our worship is misdirected and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but in the gospel, we are enabled to rightly direct our worship toward God.**

**Paul says that the reality for the Galatians – and for all people – before God sent Christ and before the gospel comes to us personally, is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the world.**

**The Bible teaches that all people are in one of two categories: we are either slaves to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or slaves to righteousness through faith and repentance in Christ (Romans 6; John 8:34).**

**When the Bible uses the word enslaved, it means to communicate that we give ourselves to something aiming our life’s energy, heart’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and minds attention toward it.**

**We all naturally worship something, no one is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Every human heart is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ heart. Everyone all the time is putting something on the throne of their heart, and that thing that the heart is aimed toward is the thing to which we are enslaved.**

**The phrase “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the world” in verse 3 is a way to say the basic fundamentals or the “ABC’s” of life, the common rules, beliefs, and patterns of the world systems; the normal “everyday” things: jobs, money, family, possessions, authority, comfort, reputation, praise, etc.**

**A heart that is wired for worship so easily takes the things of the principles of the world and wrongly aims its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ toward them.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our heart: those things that we give our life’s energy, heart’s affections, and minds attention to become our “gods”.**

**Why do I do what I do? We do what we do because we want what we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**When Christ came to the earth and when Christ comes into the believer’s heart, He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the bondage of our hearts and the enslavement that we once knew.**

**The sending of Jesus was something that humanity could not accomplish on our own, rather it was the gracious \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God, Himself.**

**God the Father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_God the Son.**

**The gospel was God’s idea: God the Father sends God the Son to satisfy the wrath toward sinful men and women that His own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ demands.**

**God’s sending of the Son teaches us a truth we already know: the Son already \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in eternity.**

**Before Bethlehem and even before Eden, Christ was. For God sent Him to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the enslaved.**

**For the one who submits to the gospel, the bonds of sin and the strong hold that idols have in our worshipping hearts no longer have the power it once did. In Christ the heart is finally free to aim its worship \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God and not the lesser and elementary things of the world.**

**The work of Christ to redeem brings our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as slaves to our sinful hearts and adoption as children. Our adoption brings the Spirit of God to dwell in us.**

**The work of the gospel is a work of God to send the Spirit to take residence in the believer’s new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**It is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that enables the believer to do what we were unable to before: put to death idols of the heart, repent, and rightly aim our life’s energy, heart’s affections, and minds attention toward God.**

Blanks: misaimed; repentance; enslavement; sin; affections; neutral; worshipping; elementary principles; worship; idols; want; bondage; plan; sent; holiness; existed; free; rightly; redemption; heart; Spirit;

Congregational Scripture Reading – Romans 6: 16-18

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,

and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.