

WHERE IS OUR ALLEGIANCE?

1. Text: Galatians 3:1-5
2. A tragic story:
3. This passage challenges the allegiance of the Galatian Christians. We'll come back to it later. But first:

I. **Where Is Our Allegiance? What Is The Basis Of Why We Are Here? The Foundation?**

- A. Can be based on various things:
 1. Programs
 2. Activities
 3. Traditions. We're comfortable with customs, habits.
 4. Sweet, friendly, wonderful people.
 5. Special individuals.
- B. But what if these all fail?
 1. Programs are not so good.
 2. Activities don't fit "our needs" or interests or expectations.
 3. Traditions may be changed or refined or dropped.
 4. The sweet people may change or exit.
 5. Special individuals may let us down or fail us.

II. **What Should Be Our Allegiance?**

1. My simple story: reality or cynicism?
2. My Elder friend:
3. Ultimately it must be to Lord Jesus Christ and His truth.
4. John 14:6 I am the truth. John 17:17 Your word is truth. John 8:32 Truth frees. Text: Galatians 3:1 Who deceived you from obeying the truth? Also 5:7 Who hindered you?
5. Big problem: Admixture. Truth gets mixed with people, programs, etc. But we must cut to core and ask what is really important.

III. **Why Should Our Allegiance Be On Truth?**

1. Truth is objective, certain. Truth is truth! Everything and one can be unstable, subject to change, subjective, emotional, selfish.
2. Truth is a shield from false standards. Fact: There is a direct correlation between being weak in the truth and the focus on other things. "If the church does not provide this, I'm out of here."
3. Truth is best because everywhere people will be disloyal to their convictions or beliefs. No group is immune to this problem. All have their inferior examples. Just move from pillar to post and never satisfied. Jesus had His Judas, Paul his Demas, John his Diotrophes.
4. Truth is the great tool to deal with people failures. When people fail us what do we do? Renew our teaching of truth: to show what went wrong, fortify for future, bring us closer to Lord, stress perfect standard.

Conclusion: "No one or thing will separate me from Christ and His church."

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