Galatians 4:15-25

15-17. What then was the BLESSING you enjoyed? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have PLUCKED OUT your own EYES and given them to me. Have ${\rm I}$ therefore BECOME your ENEMY because I TELL YOU the TRUTH? They ZEALOUSLY court you, but for no good; yes, they want to exclude you, that you may be ZEALOUS for them.

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churches. In our day and age, the Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, "Moonies" and other cults go door-to-door or hang out around college campuses looking for gullible

and naive people who do not know the Bible well enough to refute them. In Paul's day, these false teachers called the "Judaizers" wanted to "court" or lure away Christians who were ignorant of the truth, and get them to become "zealous" (on fire, radical, enthusiastic) for their cause. Romans 10:2-3 "For I bear them witness that they have a _____ for ______, but ______ according to _______. For they being ______ of ______ righteousness, and seeking to establish their _____ righteousness, have not ______ to the _____ of ____ Definition: "They have a ZEAL for GOD, but NOT according to KNOWLEDGE" -ZEAL means "To be excited, have intense enthusiasm and devotion for a cause." Many people in false religions and cults seem to have more devotion and enthusiasm for their religious group than the real Christians, but it is unbalanced, and "not according to knowledge." In other words, they think they have to earn their way to God, so they are driven with a fierce, almost crazy devotion to their cause, such as religious fanatics who are willing to blow themselves up with a bomb, in order to "earn their way into heaven" or whatever. They are "seeking to establish their own righteousness" rather than submitting to the righteousness that God offers us by faith in His Son Jesus Christ. One of my favorite true stories in the Old Testament is where Elijah, the prophet of the Lord, went against 450 prophets of the false god Baal. Elijah said that the true God would be able to send fire down from heaven to burn up their sacrifices. The prophets of Baal went to such extremes to try to get their "god" to answer them, yelling and leaping, and finally they even CUT THEMSELVES until blood gushed out, and still nothing happened. They had "zeal" for their god, but it was misdirected, and their "god" was false. I Kings 18:24-28 "Then you call on the name of your ______, and I will call on the name of the ______; and the God who answers by _____, He is God. So all the people answered and said, 'It is well spoken.' Now Elijah said to the prophets of ______, 'Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare it first, for you are many; and ______ on the name of your _____, but put no fire under it.' So they took the bull which was given to them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal (prayed to him) from morning even till noon, saying, 'O Baal, hear us!' But there was _____ voice; no one answered. And they ____ about the altar which they had made. And so it was, at noon, that Elijah _____ them and said, 'Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is _____, or he is on a _____, or perhaps he is _____, and must be awakened.' So they cried aloud, and ___ themselves, as was their custom, with _____ and lances, until the _____ gushed out on them." **18-20.** But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you. My little children, for whom I LABOR in BIRTH AGAIN until Christ is FORMED in YOU, I would like to be present with you now and to change my tone; for I have doubts about you. Romans 8:29 "For whom ______ foreknew, He also predestined to be

to the ______ of His _____, that He might be the _____ among many _____."

John 3:3-7 "Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is ______, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'

Nicodemus said to Him, 'How can a man be ______ when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be ______? Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is ______ of water and the _____, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is _____

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	exceeding great and precious promises, that th		
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	Definition: "GODLINESS" - Having the character attributed and acting like Jesus in all situations. We can NEVER attained strength, but God has provided us the Holy Spirit and we ALLOW the Holy Spirit to produce His fruit in our character of Jesus in us.	ain godliness in o d the fruit of the	ur own power Spirit. When
•	Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is longsuffering (PATIENCE),,	, joy,, f	aithfulness,
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•	Romans 6:14 "For shall have for you are under but under		over you,
	for you are under but under	·"	
	a FREEWOMAN" - When God did not answer Abraham's to their schedule, Abraham's wife Sarah took things into manipulated Abraham in the situation, by telling him to I (read Genesis 16). This son was Ishmael, and Abraham son, Isaac, when they stopped trying to manipulate God. God told Abraham that Ishmael would not be his hebecause Isaac was the son born by faith in God.	her own hands a nave sex with he and Sarah finally things, and jus	ind r maid, Hagar had another i t trusted in
	Definition: "He who was of the BONDWOMAN was FLESH" - "Bondwoman" means a female slave or servar son born of a slave woman, people who try to EARN to their own good works and religious observances as bondage to that ineffectual system of works of the flesh good works to earn salvation, but asks for each and ever and RECEIVE JESUS as our Lord and Savior. When it say in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now her children" - it means the Jewish people who were rethem were in bondage as slaves. Our only salvation and believing God's word and accepting Jesus Christ, and it to works. Ishmael was born out of Abraham and Sarah lack of faith, and the Jewish people were rejecting Jesus Messiah, so they were also operating in UNBELIEF and D	their way to God their way to God the "slaves" and the God does not a try one of us to Ju tes, "this Hagar is is, and is in book lying on their rel true freedom comby God's GRACE, the dod is in their selections.	el was the I through in Iccept their JST BELIEVE Mount Sinai Indage with igion to save mes from not by our to God and Savior and
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