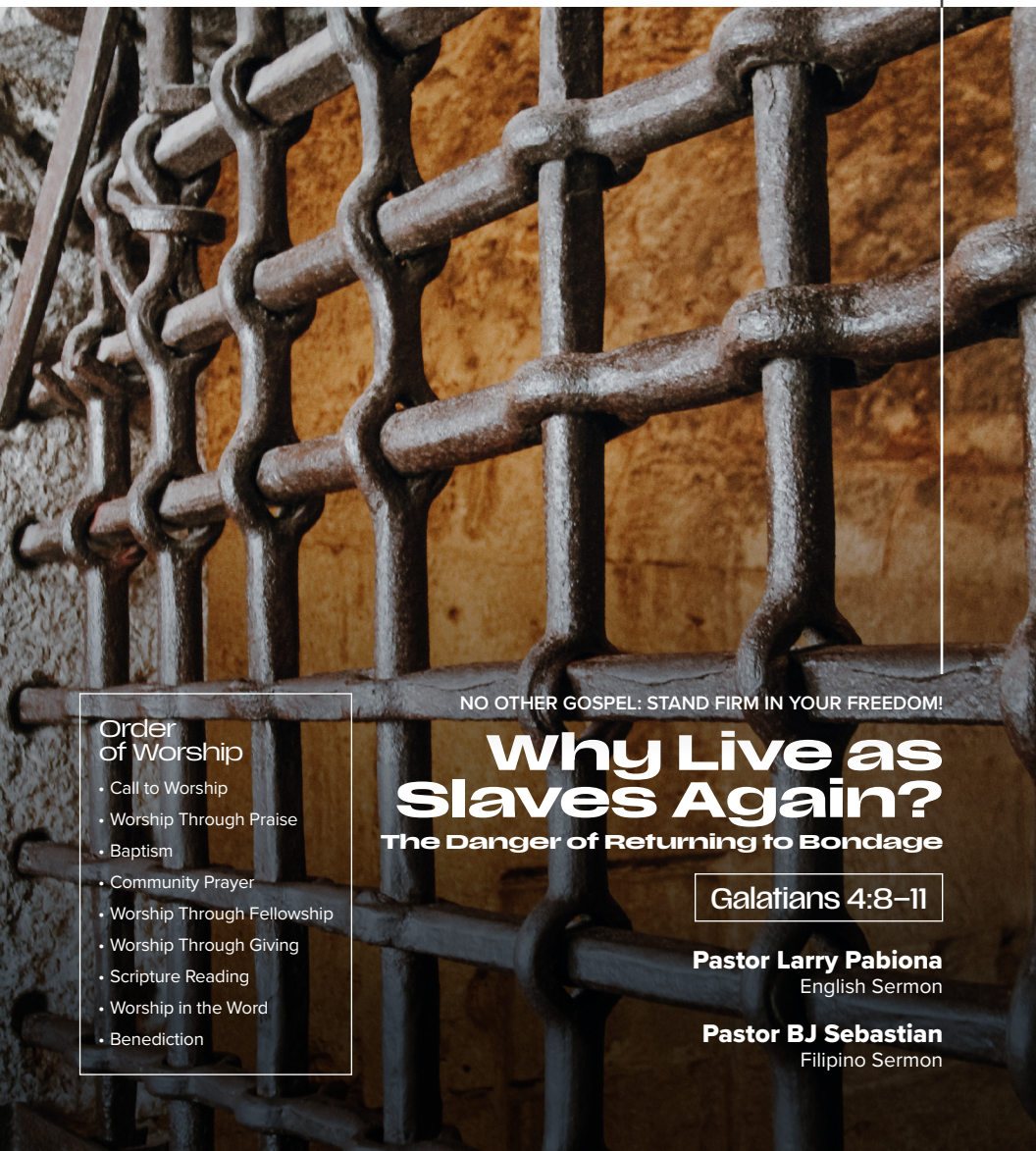




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NO OTHER GOSPEL: STAND FIRM IN YOUR FREEDOM!

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No Other Gospel: Stand Firm in Your Freedom!

# Why Live as Slaves Again?

## The Danger of Returning to Bondage

### Galatians 4:8–11

Paul confronts the Galatians' drift towards legalism. This contradicts the Gospel of freedom through faith in Christ alone, nullifies God's gracious initiative in calling them (v.9), and threatens to render Paul's labor meaningless (v.11):

#### [v. 8] THEIR PAST: Slavery under false gods.

- Everyone who is not in Christ is a slave, whether they realize it or not, whether they admit it or not (John 8:44; Ephesians 2:1–2).

#### [vv. 9–10] THEIR PRESENT: Redeemed but regressing.

##### a. Their Redemption by the Sovereign God.

- Salvation isn't just knowing God, but more importantly, being known by God. Because adoption brings salvation, the One who adopts us chose us before we chose Him (Ephesians 1:3–6).

##### b. Their Regression to slavery: evidenced by misuse of religious holidays.

- “*Turn back again*” – Regression from the freedom of sonship (Galatians 4:6–7).
- “*Weak and worthless elementary principles*” – the Judaizers' system of rules and rituals for salvation (Galatians 2:16). Any belief system based on human effort is returning to the same bondage as paganism.
- Spiritual habits are good, but when they become hoops we must jump through to earn God's favor, we've left grace behind. Where are you tempted to go back? Maybe not to your old life itself, but to old habits of performing or pretending?

#### [v. 11] THEIR PASTOR: Paul's fear of futility.

- Paul emphasized his strenuous ministry to them (Galatians 4:13–15), fearing that their regression would nullify the Gospel and their freedom (Galatians 1:6–8, 3:2–3). If they trusted in law-keeping again, everything he did was futile!
- The danger isn't just bad doctrine but the drift from dependence. Has grace become background noise to you? Do you feel the pull toward “doing more” rather than resting in Christ's “*It is finished*”?

#### Final Thoughts

Anything you use to justify yourself before God that's not Jesus—no matter how Biblical it seems—becomes a new form of bondage. Whether it's legalism or hedonism, paganism or perfectionism, the effect is the same: bondage.

Our passage is a spiritual alarm, a deeply caring and pastoral plea from Paul to his spiritual children then and today: “*Don't go back. Don't trade the freedom of being known by God for the old shackles of self-effort.*” ■



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No Other Gospel: Stand Firm in Your Freedom!

# Ang Panganib Ng Pagbalik Sa Pagkaalipin Sa Batas

Galatians 4:8–11

Sa mga talatang ating pag-aaralan, masidhi ang babala ni Pablo sa mga Galatians, na nakaranas na ng kaligtasan, na huwag “tumanda nang paura” at bumalik pa sa pagkaalipin sa makataong relihiyon.

## 1. ANG DATI NILANG KALAGAYAN: ALIPIN, Galatians 4:8

- Hindi nila kilala ang Diyos. Wala silang nakaliligtas na kaugnayan sa Kanya – **“Formerly, when you did not know God”** (1 Corinthians 1:21; 1 Thessalonians 4:5; 2 Thessalonians 1:8; 1 John 4:8).
- Hindi nila kilala ang Diyos dahil alipin sila sa mga maling paniniwala tungkol sa Kanya, sa makataong relihiyon, at sa mga diyos-diyosan – **“you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods”** (v. 3; Ephesians 2:11–12. Isaiah 37:19; Romans 1:18–25; 1 Corinthians 8:4).

## 2. ANG KASALUKUYAN NILANG KATAYUAN: TAGAPAGMANA, Galatians 4:9a

- Nakilala na nila ang Diyos at sila’y inaring ganap na sa pamamagitan ng pananampalataya kay Kristo Hesus – **“But now that you have come to know God”** (Galatians 3:2, 23–25; 4:6–7).
- Nakilala nila ang Diyos sapagkat kinilala sila ng Diyos sa paraang nakapagligligtas – **“or rather to be known by God”** (Exodus 33:12; 2 Timothy 2:19; John 6:44; 15:16; 1 John 4:19).
- Naligtas na sila ngunit naantala ang paglago dahil sa kanilang kalituan (Hebrews 5:11–14).

## 3. ANG NAKAKABAHALA NILANG KALITUAN: ISANG BABALA, Galatians 4:9b–11

- Ang kanilang kalituan ay ang pagbabalik nila sa tanikala ng makataong relihiyon at maling paniniwala – **“how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?”** (v. 9b; Galatians 3:3; 4:3).
- Ang tanikala na kanilang binabalikan ay ang pagsunod sa mga kautusang nakalipas na ang gamit sapagkat dumating na ang Mesias – **“You observe days and months and seasons and years!”** (v. 10; Colossians 2:16–17).
- Ang pagkabahala ni Pablo ay tunay at mula sa isang puso na may malasakit sa kanila. Ito rin ang tanda ng panganib ng ganitong kalituan – **“I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain”** (v. 11; Galatians 3:4; 1 Thessalonians 3:5).

Ang pagkabahala ni Pablo at ang kanyang babala sa mga Galatians ay dapat pa rin nating pakinggan ngayon. Marami pa rin sa atin ang natutukso na bumalik sa sistema ng makataong relihiyon kung saan ang ating tadhana sa walang-hanggan ay kontrolado natin. Tayo’y ligtas na at inari nang matuwid sa mata ng Diyos, itinuturing na mga anak Niya, at tagapagmana ng pangakong kaligtasan. Kapitan natin ang katotohanan na ito upang hindi na maantala ang ating paglago bilang mga Kristiyano. ■

## Sermon Notes



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# WORSHIP WITH US AT GCF ORTIGAS

## SUNDAYS

**8:00 AM** English  
**10:30 AM** English  
Auditorium B

**3:00 PM** Filipino  
**5:30 PM** English  
Auditorium A

## SATURDAYS

**5:30 PM** Traditional  
Auditorium B

## WEDNESDAYS

**6:30 PM**  
Ortigas Community Worship  
GCF Chapel, Ground Floor

■ Livestream is available during the 10:30 AM and 3:00 PM Sunday Services. The recording of the Traditional Service will be streamed on Sundays at 5:30 PM.

## KIDS on SUNDAYS

**8:00 AM** Kids L.I.F.E. Sunday School  
Ages 2–6 and 7–13 • 4th Floor  
**10:30 AM** Ages 1.5–3 • Toddlers' Center  
Ages 4–13 • 4th Floor  
**3:00 PM & 5:30 PM** Ages 3–5 • Toddlers' Center  
Ages 6–13 • 4th Floor

## YOUTH on SATURDAYS

**4:00 PM** Youth L.I.V.E. Discipleship Gathering  
For ages 13 to 20 • Fellowship Hall

## YOUNG ADULTS on FRIDAYS

**7:00 PM** YA Fridays  
For ages 20s to 40s • Fellowship Hall

## BIBLE STUDY on SUNDAYS

**9:30 AM** Sunday Bible School (SBS)  
Open to all • GCF Chapel  
**9:30 AM & 4:30 PM** “Like Jesus” Youth Bible Study  
For all high school students • Room B124  
**9:30 AM** Men's Growth Group Express  
Open to all men • Room A107a

## PRAYER HOUR on THURSDAYS

**8:00 PM** GCF Family's Hour of Prayer  
Open to all • Online via Zoom  
Zoom link: [bit.ly/GCFHourOfPrayer](https://bit.ly/GCFHourOfPrayer)  
Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763 • Passcode: 984990

## OUTREACH on WEDNESDAYS

**5:30 PM** Ortigas Community Outreach  
Open to all • Fellowship Hall

## TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

*Share this with your friends and family who need to know Christ!*

### THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is holy, pure, and just. He rightfully and righteously judges and punishes all sin.

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” (Isaiah 6:3)

“Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy.” (Revelation 15:4)

### THE CRISIS WE FACE

We all have failed God's standard and face God's righteous judgment.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...” (Romans 3:23)

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.” (Romans 1:18)

### THE CALL OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus is God's only way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God. He took the judgment for our sins on the Cross, and whoever comes to Christ for forgiveness, He gives new life and an eternal relationship with God.

“Jesus said “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

“The Lord Jesus is calling out to us: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:28–30)

### WHAT MUST WE DO?

Come to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and salvation:

“Lord Jesus, be merciful to me—a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen.”

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT GCF ORTIGAS

## QUESTIONS ABOUT GCF ORTIGAS?

Want to join a Growth Group? Looking to apply for church membership? Curious about the various ministries? Visit the new INFO HUB at the Lobby.

## ARE YOU HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

We would love to connect with you after every Worship Service. Our pastors and team are excited to meet you! Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor or reach out to us at [gcf.link/GCFWelcome](https://gcf.link/GCFWelcome)

## DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If you need support or clarification on some issues, we are here to help. Call the GCF ERCC Hotline at 0917 532 7794

## Mid-Year Church Family Conference

**July 27**  
Sunday

After the 10:30 AM Service  
Auditorium B, GCF Ortigas  
Exclusively for official members of GCF Ortigas

## Spiritual Gifts Class

**August 3**  
Sunday  
(New Date)

1 session  
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
Room B302, 3rd Floor  
Register via [gcf.link/SpiritualGifts](https://gcf.link/SpiritualGifts)

## DRAWN: Art Exhibit for the Benefit of the GCF Mercy Ministry

**August 1-15**  
(Friday onwards)

ARTablado, Level 3 Veranda, Robinsons Galleria  
Support our very own GCF artists for the benefit of the projects and initiatives of the GCF Mercy Ministry

## InterMission: Fellowship with our Missionaries

**August 16**  
Saturday

1:00 – 5:00 PM  
Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas  
Register now at [gcf.link/InterMission](https://gcf.link/InterMission)

## Shaking Hands Forum Series

**August 16**  
Saturday

9:00 AM – 12:00 NN  
Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas  
Theme: Attachments and Addictions  
Register now at [gcf.link/ShakingHands](https://gcf.link/ShakingHands)

## REFUGE: Young Adults Retreat 2025

**August 22-24**  
Friday to Sunday

Timberland Highlands Resort, San Mateo, Rizal  
For ages 20 to 40+, including college students  
**New Registration Fee: Php 3,500 (all-inclusive)**  
Register via [gcf.link/YARetreat2025](https://gcf.link/YARetreat2025)

## Shower of Blessings for GCF Rizal

Together, let's bless our new church plant! To see the list of needs, visit [gcf.link/BlessRizal](https://gcf.link/BlessRizal) or scan the QR Code.

Designate your offering labeled, "for GCF Rizal" For inquiries, contact [grace.mosquera@gcf.org.ph](mailto:grace.mosquera@gcf.org.ph)



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*"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)*

Paul gave thanks to God for the labor of love displayed by the Thessalonian believers, thanks to the hope they have in Christ (v. 3). Indeed, our service to God requires much prayer and faithful obedience, because He deserves it! So it is just right that we also honor, two faithful servants who exhibited tireless dedication and devotion to God, having served in GCF faithfully these past many years:

We thank the Lord for Ate **Lowie Gregorio**, for enabling her to serve in GCF for the past 29 years as our Accounting Specialist. She retired from this role last June 30, 2025. Her years of service rendered is a testament to her hard work and dedication, setting an example to the 3FF or 3rd Floor Family (a term we affectionately call each other as staff members of GCF).

Also, following 13 years of faithful service, Teacher **Angel Santos** retired early from her role as Children's Discipleship Ministry Head on July 10, 2025. She and Teacher Raffy are immigrating to Saipan to join their sons, Raniel and Philip. Praise God for the fruitful Kids L.I.F.E. ministry of Teacher Angel, and family, all these years!

Beginning August 1, 2025, we thank God for Teacher **Beth King-Li**, who will serve as a Consultant with the role of Children's Discipleship Ministry Mobilizer. Having served with Kids L.I.F.E. for many years, we praise God for calling her to provide leadership for the ministries of Kids L.I.F.E. Praise God for Pastor Mike King-Li and their daughter Biel's support for Teacher Beth.

Praise God for these faithful servants of Christ! We pray, by their example, that our faith would go forth and spread because we have also tirelessly endeavored to *"serve the living and true God"* (1 Thessalonians 1:8-9). ■

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