



*Faith, Freedom & Family*  
*Slippery Slope of Self-Justification*

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Galatians 4:8-31

**My Sermon Notes**

I. Our old nature \_\_\_\_\_ seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ again.

1. At one time every believer was \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Believers are given a \_\_\_\_\_ when they put saving faith in Christ. (2 Co. 5:17)

3. Our old nature \_\_\_\_\_.

4. When we \_\_\_\_\_ down the hill of \_\_\_\_\_ we lose the \_\_\_\_\_.

II. We must \_\_\_\_\_ from history the \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Failure to \_\_\_\_\_ leads you into \_\_\_\_\_.

2. God's \_\_\_\_\_ to those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

**So What?**

1. Self-righteousness is \_\_\_\_\_!

2. \_\_\_\_\_ is a gift from God and bears fruit!

# **TIP Sheet** (Take It Personal)

Use the below questions to aid you in making personal application of your study in the Word.

## **Slippery Slope of Self-Justification**

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1. How do you define the term self-justification?
2. In verse nine, Paul says to the Galatians that they know God and then seems to correct himself, "...or rather to be known by God." Why do you think Paul adds this correction?

What principle is he getting across?

How is this an antidote for works-righteousness?

3. Paul asked the Galatians (4:9), "how can you turn back to the elementary principles of the world"? What is meant by "elementary principles of the world"?

What kind of religion did the Greek Galatians have before they heard the gospel....A biblical one or an idolatrous one?

What kind of religion are they in danger of turning to now?

4. It appears from what Paul tells us in verses 12– 15 that the Galatian believers joyfully served with him at the beginning of his ministry among them. But then in verse fifteen Paul asks the Galatians "What then has become of your blessedness"? The NIV uses the word "joy".

Are you using your God-given abilities to serve others?

Is there joy in your heart when you do this?

Have you lost that joy of serving , or at least a part of it?

5. In verses 21-31 Paul uses Hagar and Sarah to illustrate what happens when we become self-righteous and take matters into our own hands (works-righteousness)? Read the story behind this passage in Genesis 16:1-4; 18:10-14; 21:1-10.

How does the story of Hagar illustrate a works-righteousness?

How does Sarah illustrate righteousness by faith?

6. What applications can you make to your personal life from this study?