

4:10 Second part of Paul's exhortation to them

You observe days and months and seasons and years.

Summary 4:10

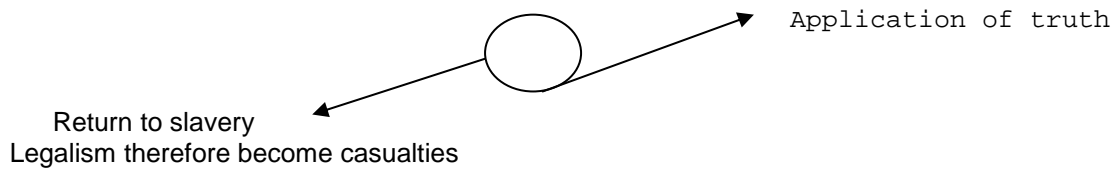
1. From this verse we must conclude that Paul had info that at least some of the Galatians were indeed already fallen into the trap of the Judaizers and observing the Jewish calendar.
2. But obviously the Judaizers didn't consider themselves to be in bondage neither did the Galatian believers regard their drift into legalism as a return to slavery.
3. Days would refer to Sabbath days including those feasts that were one day only.
4. Months refers to the new moon Sabbaths which were observed monthly.
5. Seasons refers to the events that last several days like Passover and Tabernacles.
6. Years brings into focus the Sabbatical (every 7th year) and Jubilee (every 7 sabbaticals therefore 49 years).
7. All of these were done away with when the M/Law ceased when the seed came in the fullness of time.
8. In addition to what was authorized and commanded under the M/Law, they had added many special events.
 - Feast of Tammuz, Fast of Tishah Be-ab, Fast of Gedeliah, Hoshana Raba, Shemini Azeret, Simhat Torah, Hanukkah, Shushan Purim, Fast of 10th of Tebet)
9. Keeping these special days was supposed to contribute to their spirituality, that is somehow add to being sons and heirs in Christ.
10. What they must understand is that their new position in Christ, as sons and heirs frees them from the rituals of the Law.
11. Legalists like the Judaizers are always meticulous nit-pickers. They major in minors and minor in majors.

4:11 Paul's strong concern for the Galatians expressed.

I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.

Summary of 4:11

1. Don't believe Paul's strong concern here is not for his own efforts but for their spiritual momentum, the fact they were being sidetracked from the objective by the legalism of the Judaizers.
2. In many ways this verse expresses the mental attitude of the P-T when he observes lack of orientation to truth, no application of truth and its linked to legalism.
3. Paul knows that if they maintain the direction their headed they will be disciplined by God. Heb. 12:5-11



4. One of the responsibilities of the P-T is to point out error when it crops up in the congregation to protect the sheep.