

1. Last week I finished teaching Gal 4:15 and began an exegesis of Gal 4:16. When time expired we had just begun an analysis of Gal 4:16.



2. Before we continue you may want to use the provisions of 1Jo 1:9 by silently naming sin to God as the Holy Spirit may show.

3. Let's see how Gal 4:11-15 look by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

Gal 4:11 I am greatly concerned about you for it seems my teaching about the grace of God has fallen on deaf ears.

Gal 4:12 My brothers and sisters I pray for you regularly for I really want you to be as I am, because I am also like you, and you have certainly not wronged me in any way;

Gal 4:13 formerly, when I was weak and infirm I preached the gospel to you, Gal 4:14 and my infirm condition you did not despise, nor did you in any way reject my teaching, no rather you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.

Gal 4:15 Whatever happened to your joy and happiness? I can certainly testify to the fact that if it were possible you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me.

4. Now let's resume our study of Gal 4:16.

KJV-New Sentence

Gal 4:16 Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

NIV

Gal 4:16 Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth?

AM I THEREFORE BECOME ΩΣΤΕ γινομαι

1. **Hoste Ginomai** is better translated “Accordingly, have I become ...”
2. **Hoste** is a conjunctive adverb followed by the verb **Ginomai** parsed as 1st person singular, perfect active indicative.
3. **Hoste** appears more than 80 times in the New Testament where it is variously translated “so that, therefore consequently, that, therefore, wherefore, inasmuch that, insomuch that” and “so then.”
4. **Ginomai** appears more than 700 times in Scripture where it is translated “become, became, is, was, were, be, is made, might be” and “be taken.” Like **Hayah** in the Hebrew, it can be translated as the “verb to be” or “become or became.” I have selected several uses to illustrate its meaning:

2Th 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he **be taken** out of the way.

Heb 5:9 And being made perfect, he **became** the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Heb 5:10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

Jam 1:22 But **be ye** doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Jam 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

Jam 1:24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

1Pe 2:7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same **is made** the head of the corner,

1Pe 2:8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye **might be** partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

1Ti 2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

1Ti 2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

1Ti 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived **was** in the transgression.

5. Let's see how our verse looks so far by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

Gal 4:16 Accordingly, have I now become ...”

YOUR ENEMY, εχθρος συ

1. **Echthros Su** is well translated “your enemy ...”

2. **Echthros** is a noun declined as a nominative singular followed by the pronoun **Su** declined as a genitive plural.

3. **Echthros** appears 32 times in the New Testament where it is translated “enemy, enemies” or “foes.” I want to review several points from our *Doctrine of Enemyship*.

Doctrine of Enemyship

1. Satan and his fallen angels are enemies of all believers.

1Pe 5:8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your **enemy** the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1Pe 5:9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

2. Satan and his demon helpers are enemies of God.

Isa 14:12 How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!

Isa 14:13 You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain.

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

Isa 14:15 But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit.

Eze 28:14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.

Eze 28:15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

Eze 28:16 Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.

Eze 28:17 Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

1Co 15:24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

1Co 15:25 For he must reign until he has put all his **enemies** under his feet.

Heb 10:12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

Heb 10:13 Since that time he waits for his **enemies** to be made his footstool,

3. Unbelievers are enemies of God.

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were God's **enemies**, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

Eph 2:3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature **objects of wrath**.

Col 1:21 Once you were alienated from God and were **enemies** in your minds because of your evil behavior.

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