

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS **NO OTHER GOSPEL:**
FREEDOM IN CHRIST

LESSON 9: "A Relational Argument"

Date: November 16, 2014

TEXT: Galatians 4:8-20

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