



Galatians



Galatians 4:21 - 5:6 | Lesson 8

Galatians 4:21-31 – An allegory to show the two covenants

- V.21-22 – Paul uses an account from the Old Testament as an allegory to show we are not under the Old Testament
 - Those in Galatia were acting as though they desired to be under the old law, so Paul uses an account from the old law to draw a connection

Galatians 4:21-31 – An allegory to show the two covenants

- V.21-22 – Paul uses an account from the Old Testament as an allegory to show we are not under the Old Testament
 - Allegory – a story in which people, things, and happenings have another meaning
 - The account he uses is that of Abraham and his two sons
 - Bondwoman: Hagar and Ishmael
 - Freewoman: Sarah and Isaac

Galatians 4:21-31 – An allegory to show the two covenants

- V.23-31 – We are children of the freewoman
 - Ishmael born of the bondwoman (Hagar) was according to the flesh
 - Isaac born of the freewoman (Sarah) was according to promise
 - These correspond with the OT and the NT
 - Hagar → OT, which is bondage
 - Sarah → NT, which is free

Galatians 4:21-31 – An allegory to show the two covenants

- V.23-31 – We are children of the freewoman
 - We are Isaac, the child of promise, born of the freewoman, we are free, not in bondage
 - As it was that Isaac was persecuted by Ishmael, we are persecuted by the Jews
 - As it was that Hagar and Ishmael did not receive an inheritance so it is that those who follow the OT will not inherit the inheritance
 - *“Cast out the bond women and her son”*
 - There is a seriousness to be taken regarding the Judaizing teachers

Galatians 4:21-31 – An allegory to show the two covenants

- V.23-31 – We are children of the freewoman
 - We are children of the free
 - We are under the NT and do not need to follow the OT because the OT does not bring freedom

Galatians 5:1-6 – Standing in the liberty of Christ

- After the allegory of Abraham and his two sons the conclusion is we are children of the freewoman, we are free, therefore standfast in that freedom
 - The freedom or liberty we are to stand is in Christ and we are not to go back to that which entangles one in bondage
 - The direct application is of the OT, but the application can be made to anything that is not the doctrine of Christ

Galatians 5:1-6 – Standing in the liberty of Christ

- Christ profits you nothing if you are circumcised to be saved
 - You are saying Christ is insufficient
- If you are binding circumcision, then you must bind the entire old law
- If you try to bind the old law, you are going away from Christ and have fallen from grace
 - Grace comes from Christ, if you become estranged from Christ by going away from Him then you fall from the grace which saves

Galatians 5:1-6 – Standing in the liberty of Christ

- Through the Spirit's revelation we are told how to become righteous thereby having a hope of eternity
 - The way to become righteous and the hope we have as a result is not through circumcision or uncircumcision but faith working through love
 - Faith working through love – faith comes from hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17) and love is keeping God's commandments (1 John 5:3)