

Study: Galatians

Text: Galatians 4:21-31

“PAUL’S ARGUMENT BASED UPON ALLEGORY”

Paul continues his defense of justification by faith alone in Christ now with an allegory, a Biblical picture of the Law versus grace.

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Law and Grace (v. 22-27)**

**A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Abraham (v. 22-25)**

Paul uses the two sons of Abraham to contrast the law and grace.

Cf. Genesis 17:18-21

**1. The Flesh versus \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 22-23)**

**a. The son of the \_\_\_\_\_—Ishmael (v. 23a)**

“But he *who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh;...*” – He was born because Abraham and Sarah had lost faith and sought to accomplish God’s promise their way.

**Romans 14:23b** ...for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

**b. The son of the \_\_\_\_\_—Isaac (v. 23b)**

**Romans 4:19-22** And being not weak in faith, he [Abraham] considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah’s womb: he staggered not at the promise of **God** through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to **God**; and being fully persuaded that, what **He** [*God*] had promised, **He** was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

**Hebrews 11:11** Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

**2. The Law versus \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 24-25)**

**John Phillips** – In an *allegory*, the various entities that make up the story, whether imaginary or historical, stand for something else beyond the actual story itself.

Paul contrasts law and grace by using two covenants, two women, and two mountains.

**Galatians 3:10** For as many as are of [*rely upon*] the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, “Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.”

**B. The Gospel’s \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 26-27)**

**II. The Path of the \_\_\_\_\_ Free (v. 28-31)**

**A. We are born into the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 28)**

**John 3:3** **Jesus** answered and said unto him, “Verily, verily, **I** say unto thee, Except a man be born again [*from above*], he cannot see the kingdom of **God**.”

**1 John 3:1-2** Behold, what manner of love the **Father** hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of **God**: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew **Him** not. **2** Beloved, now are we the sons of **God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when **He** shall appear, we shall be like **Him**; for we shall see **Him** as **He** is.

Cf. Romans 8:3-4 & 17

**B. We are subject to \_\_\_\_\_ and Trials (v. 29)**

Cf. Genesis 21:8-9

**2 Timothy 3:12** Yea, and all that will live **Godly** in **Christ Jesus** shall suffer persecution.

**John 16:33** These things **I** have spoken unto you, that in **Me** ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; **I** have overcome the world.

**John 17:14** **I** have given them [*My disciples*] **Thy** Word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as **I** am not of the world.

**C. We must separate from \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching (v. 28)**

Cf. Romans 8:15-18

**What is my next step?**

(*Put off*) What must I put off that is both hinder my walk with Christ or someone else’s?

(*Renew your mind*) What qualities or Words of Christ must I meditate upon?

(*Put on*) What qualities of Christ must I seek to have as a characteristic of my life?

## What Is My Next Step?

**Hearing** — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it – James 1:21-25  
**Doing** — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ – Eph. 4:22-24

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1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF**)
  
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew**)
  - a. What is He like?
  - b. What does He like?
  - c. What does He dislike?
  
3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew**)
  - a. What command to obey?
  - b. What promise to claim?
  - c. What principle to apply (*If I do \_\_\_\_\_, then God will do \_\_\_\_\_*)?
  
  - d. What example to follow?
  
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew**)
  
5. In light of what I have heard from God,... (**Put ON**)
  - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
  - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
  - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)

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## Sermon Notes

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