



CHILDREN OF PROMISE, NOT HUMAN EFFORT

Galatians 4:21-5:1

REVIEW:

1. Scripture shows that the blessing of Abraham comes through faith, not law. (3:6-14)
2. The covenant of promise (Abraham) supersedes the covenant of law (Moses). (3:15-25)
3. Sonship through the Spirit is far greater than sonship through the law. (3:26-4:20)

Gal. 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Gal. 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

THE QUESTION: WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO BE UNDER THE LAW?

Gal. 4:21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law?

THE ALLEGORY: ABRAHAM'S TWO SONS

Gal. 4:22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. 23 But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. 24 Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. 25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.

SON	MOTHER	BIRTH	SIGNIFIES	GEOGRAPHY	STATUS	CONDITION
Ishmael	Hagar	Flesh (Human Effort)	Old Covenant	Mount Sinai	Works/ Legalism	Slavery
Isaac	Sarah	Spirit (Divine Fulfillment)	New Covenant	New Jerusalem	Grace/ Promise	Freedom

THE MEANING: GOD, THROUGH JESUS, HAS FULFILLED HIS PROMISE TO BRING THE NATIONS BACK TO HIMSELF.

Gal. 4:27 For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband."

NOTES:

THE APPLICATION: LIVE FREELY AS CHILDREN OF PROMISE!

1. Understand your privileges as children of promise.

Gal. 4:28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.

2. Those who receive life from the Spirit can expect harassment.

Gal. 4:29 But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now.

3. Have nothing to do with those who would influence you back towards slavery.

Gal. 4:30 But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman."

3. Rejoice! As children of promise you have been born into freedom.

Gal. 4:31 So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

THE CONCLUSION: DO NOT USE YOUR FREEDOM TO RESUBMIT TO SLAVERY

Gal. 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

REVIEW/DISCUSS/APPLY

1. 1. Explain to someone in your family or small group what it means to belong to Jesus. What benefits and freedoms do you enjoy in terms of your relationship with God? How are these benefits and freedoms possible?

2. Read Galatians 5 multiple times this week. What is confusing? What is encouraging? How does this chapter fit into the overall flow of the letter?

3. How are you doing memorizing/retaining Galatians 4:7. What insight have you gained during our time in Galatians 4 that help you comprehend more fully the beauty of v. 7? If you have not already, write the verse on a post-it and place it where you will see it multiple times a day.

SONGS

- Because He Lives
- Found in You
- Living Hope
- Only A Holy God
- We Fall Down

2026 BUDGET

Weekly Giving:	\$34,536
Weekly Need:	\$12,300
YTD Giving:	\$210,719
YTD Need:	\$209,100
Expansion Fund:	\$390,873

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