



Christ Has Set Us Free!

Galatians 4:21–5:1

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Children of God, born by faith in the promise and power of God, are called to get rid of legalism and stand firm in their freedom obtained by Jesus.

1. An Argument (vv. 21-27)

Human efforts produce human results that do not actually accomplish anything versus the Spirit's work—by faith in God's promise and power—produces supernatural results.

"The law" can refer to the Torah (the first 5 books of the Old Testament). Examples are: Matt. 5:17; Luke 16:16, 24:44; Acts 13:15, 28:23; Romans 3:21, 1 Cor. 9:8-9

| Hagar (the slave woman) | Sarah (the free woman) |
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| Sinaitic/Mosaic Covenant of Law | Abrahamic Covenant of Promise (which is fulfilled in the New Covenant in Jesus) |
| Produces children of slavery by human efforts to obey the law | Produces free children by faith/grace in God's promise and power |
| Present Jerusalem is enslaved | Jerusalem above is free |

2. The Application. (vv. 28-5:1)

Paul believes the Galatians are "children of promise". Flowing out from that reality of who God has made them to be, Paul gives application for them to live in the good of it.

Application #1—Children of God Should Expect Persecution

Application #2—Children of God Are Called to Toss Out Legalism

Application #3—Children of God Are Called to Stand Firm in Their Freedom Obtained by Jesus

Questions to Consider

1. Do you feel like you have a good understanding of the Bible? If you answered "no", there is grace for change here. With God's help, what is your plan for changing that moving forward?
2. What is the Redemptive Storyline of the Bible?
3. What does it mean that, like Isaac, believers are "children of promise"?
4. Paul reminds us about the believer's freedom in Jesus. What does it mean to you that Christ has made you free?
5. What is Paul saying that "children of promise" should expect in verse 29?
6. How can we as believer's actively stand firm in our freedom in Jesus?
7. What is legalism and how do we go about tossing it out?

Next Week's Sermon Text: Galatians 5:2-12