

Galatians
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –02/21/22

Lesson 8
Galatians 4:21-31

Note: In this section of Galatians, Paul takes the historical account of Abraham and his family and uses it figuratively to convince the Galatians they were in danger of joining the “wrong branch of the family.” Verses 21-23 are the historical account, verses 24-27 are the figurative interpretation and verses 28-31 are the practical application.

1. It will be helpful to review the actual account of Abraham from Genesis. Write down the major point from each of these passages:
 - Gen. 15:1-5
 - Gen. 16:1-4
 - Gen. 17:1-8, 15-21, 21:3
 - Gen. 21:8-12
2. Read Gal. 4:21-23. What two contrasts does Paul make between Ishmael and Isaac?
3. Read Gal. 4:24-27. What do Hagar, the covenant from Mount Sinai and the city of Jerusalem have in common? (vv. 24-25) In Paul’s figurative interpretation, who are Hagar’s children?
4. What does Sarah (though unnamed) have in common with the new covenant and the Jerusalem that is above? (vv. 26-27)
5. Paul says the Jerusalem that is above is like our mother. Who are her children?
6. Remember Paul is using this illustration to correct the false teaching of the Judaizers. What is Paul’s major point of application for the Galatians in each of the following verses:
 - Gal. 4:28
 - Gal. 4:29
 - Gal. 4:30
7. What is Paul’s conclusion in Gal. 4:31?
8. Christians are still called to obedience. How does “Christian” obedience differ from “legalistic” obedience?