

# GALATIANS 4:21-31

## ○ Aim

- What differences between law and gospel are shown by the history of Hagar and Sarah?

## ○ Paul's Six Proofs

- Paul's Biography
- Results of the Gospel
- Abraham's Biography
- Old Testament Prophecy
- Life - Will and Heir
- Galatian's 1<sup>st</sup> Reactions

## ○ Paul's 7<sup>th</sup> Proof

- Allegory: Hagar & Sarah



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## ◉ Hagar and Sarah

<sup>21</sup> Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? <sup>22</sup> For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman.

<sup>23</sup> His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise.

<sup>24</sup> These things are being taken figuratively: The women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar. <sup>25</sup> Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. <sup>26</sup> But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother. <sup>27</sup> For it is written:

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“Be glad, barren woman,  
you who never bore a child;  
shout for joy and cry aloud,  
you who were never in labor;  
because more are the children of the  
desolate woman  
than of her who has a husband.”<sup>[a]</sup>

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# GALATIANS 4:28-31

## ◉ Hagar and Sarah

<sup>28</sup> Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. <sup>29</sup> At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. <sup>30</sup> But what does Scripture say? “Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman’s son.”<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>31</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

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- The law, as represented by Hagar and Ishmael, is rejected by the Lord as a way to obtain salvation; however, the gospel, as represented by Sarah and Isaac, is accepted by the Lord as the only way to obtain salvation.

## ◎ Application

- Isaiah 54:1      Church - Barren and Desolate
- Revelation 2:20    Response to Persecution
- Romans 8:18      Focus on Glory to Come