

# GALATIANS

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE



**Gen 16:1-4** “Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. 2 And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the Lord has prevented (an amazing word. Literally: withheld, prevented, kept in bondage, hindered, closed out, did not allow) me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. 3 So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. 4 And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress.”

**Gen 17:18-19** “And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before you!” God said, “No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him.”

**Gen 18:10-14** "The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" 13 The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' 14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

**Gen 21:1-10** “The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised. 2 And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. 3 Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5 Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. 6 And Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me."

7 And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age." 8 And the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. 9 But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. 10 So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac."

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## THE CONTRASTS IN PAUL'S ALLEGORY: "THESE WOMEN ARE TWO COVENANTS" (24)

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| Hagar (24) (Ishmael)                           | (Sarah) Isaac (28)                      |
| slave woman (22, 30)                           | free woman (22,30)                      |
| son of slave (23, 30)                          | son of free (23, 30)                    |
| born according to flesh (23)                   | born through promise (23)               |
| one (covenant) from Mt. Sinai (24) Arabia (25) |   |
| bearing children for slavery (24)              |   |
| present Jerusalem in slavery w/ children (25)  | Jerusalem above is free our mother (26) |
| he born according to flesh (29)                | he born according to the Spirit (29)    |
| children of slave (31)                         | children of free woman (31)             |

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**Rom 9:6-9** “But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, 7 and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." 8 This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. 9 For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son."

Ro 9:10-13 “And not only so, but also  
when Rebecca had conceived children by  
one man, our forefather Isaac, 11 though  
they were not yet born and had done  
nothing either good or bad—in order  
that God's purpose of election might  
continue, not because of works but  
because of his call— 12 she was told,  
"The older will serve the younger." 13 As  
it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I  
hated."

GOD → PROMISE → CALL →

MIRACLE BIRTH → COUNTED

RIGHTEOUS = CHILD OF GOD

(BY GOD'S OWN FREE CHOICE AND WILL)

MAN → HUMAN EFFORT = NATURAL  
MAN

(CHILD OF THE FLESH WITH NO  
PROMISES)

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**Gal 3:17-18** “This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.”

**Gal 3:21-24** “Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law..... 23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.”

**Gal 2:4-5** “Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—5 to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.”

**Matt 23:37** “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!”

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