

**SET FREE  
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LIVE FREE**



**GALATIANS**

# Stay Free

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Galatians 4:8-31

March 8, 2026



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**Author – Paul**

**Genre – Letter**

**Recipients – Churches in Galatia**

**Date – Antioch (A.D. 48-49)**

**Problem – The churches were moving away from faith alone for salvation to works of the Jewish Law.**



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- ❖ **“Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?” (Romans 6:16)**



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- ❖ ...**“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.” (John 8:34)**



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- ❖ **“Legalism does not mean the setting of spiritual standards; it means worshipping these standards and thinking we are spiritual because we obey them. It also means judging other believers on the basis of these standards.” ~ Warren Wiersbe**



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Hagar (Old Covenant)	Sarah (New Covenant)
slave woman	free woman
law	grace
Ishmael	Isaac
according to flesh	through promise
human effort	supernatural work
slavery	freedom
present Jerusalem (earthly)	Jerusalem above (heavenly)
persecuting	persecuted
cast out	remains



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1. We must guard the freedom that Christ gave us.
2. The gospel builds loving relationships while legalism destroys them.
3. We must reject any thought that we are free because of our own efforts. We are free only by grace through faith.

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