

JESUS + NOTHING = EVERYTHING

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Nothing + God's Promise

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Galatians 4:21-31

TRUTHS AND IMPLICATIONS

_____ doesn't come from _____ effort, but from God's _____ and the fulfillment of that promise in Jesus Christ.

Part of following God means _____ God in His word and in His promises, in His timing and in His plan – even when (especially when) they are different from the timing or plan we wanted.

If you are a person who has put their _____ and _____ in Jesus Christ, then you are the true children of God's promise.

APPLICATIONS

Being children of God's promise is about _____ and _____ for God. It's believing in God's power and work through Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection and believing in His power and work in your life today. God wants to love and lead your life towards the future He has planned for you.

Loving God comes from _____ your _____: you are someone God created, loves, values and He has your best interests at heart. The way a loving Father wants to love, guide and protect His kids, so God loves you.

Loving God involves _____ His _____. When He says something is harmful or something is good, trust He knows best.

Loving God is about recognizing your _____ on God, your need to trust Him, having a _____ for God and seeking Him.

Prayer, worship, Bible learning and connection with other Jesus-loving, Biblically faithful people are ways we _____ with God in meaningful ways and _____ nearer to Him.

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²¹ Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? ²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. ²³ 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.

²⁴ 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. ²⁵ Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶ But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷ For it is written:

“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.”

²⁸ Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ 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.” ³¹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

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