

Galatians 4:12-31

Why Preach Galatians?		Galatians 4:12-31
<p><i>Intro:</i> Why have I chosen to preach through this book?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The state of the church in the 21st century • Influence of the world's culture • Discipleship is key! 	<p><i>Review:</i> The first four chapters are the case, criticism, and evidence against the Judaizer heresy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvation is by faith alone • By grace alone • In Christ alone • For the glory of God alone 	<p><i>Today:</i> In Paul's final evidentiary correction, he will once again use Jewish history to prove the case of salvation by faith. But he will pledge with the Galatians to remember their zeal for Christ as at the beginning.</p>
<p><i>Galatians 4:12-31 state reading at verse 11.</i></p>		
<p>1. Hagar and Sarah, Law and Gospel*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two women, representative of two covenants <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. V. 22-23a, 25 Hagar represented Sinai, the Law Gen. 16:2 2. V. 26-28 Sarah represented Jerusalem, the gospel Gen. 17:17-18 • V. 29-30 Their descendants represented the opposition of the law to the gospel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unbelievers have always persecuted believers Gen. 21:8-9, John 15:19 • V. 30-31 The gospel bestows a richer inheritance than the law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The command was for Hagar to be cast out. So too, will those that strive for salvation by their own hand Matt. 8:10-12 	<p>2. The pleadings of the teacher**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember your enthusiasm as a new believer <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. V. 12 Claim no superiority Gal. 1:13-14 2. V. 13-15 remember the excitement of hearing the teachings of Christ Acts 13:48 3. V. 16 Rebuke is not hatred, but done out of love Proverbs 3:11-12 • V. 17-18 Beware of seductive false teachings 2 Tim. 4:3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ V. 17, their zealous flattery was full of danger. *** • V. 19-20 Paul pleads as a parent would their child 1 John 2:1 	
<p><i>Conclusion:</i> (1) The law and the gospel differ fundamentally. (2) The gospel did away with the law by providing a higher spiritual obedience. (3) Strong emotions and warm affections are no guarantee of a faithful walk with Christ.****</p>		
<p>Subnotes:</p> <p>* Paul calls this example an allegory. It is noted that this is not the modern understanding since Hagar and Sarah are not fictional characters. Paul simply means they are symbolic.</p> <p>** Tie back to the sermon title. Stress application, discipleship and knowing God's word.</p> <p>*** v. 18, genuine zeal is commendable. It's not a bad thing to be excited over good preaching.</p> <p>**** use this to spring board into Sunday night study of the NAR</p>		

References:

Genesis 16:2 And Sarai said to Abram, “Behold now, the LORD HAS prevented 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.

Genesis 17:17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, “Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” **18** And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before you!”

Genesis 21:8-9 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. [laughing, the verb in Hebrew is ambiguous and may be interpreted as mocking]

John 15:19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Matt. 8 10-12 When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. **11** I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, **12** while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Acts 13:48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

Proverbs 3:11-12 My son, do not despise the LORD’s discipline or be weary of his reproof, **12** for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

2 Timothy 4:3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,

1 John 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.