

Oak Hill Baptist Church



Two Covenants

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The Book of Galatians / Galatians 4:21–31

Galatians 4:21–31 NASB95

Tell me, you who want to be under law, do you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondwoman and one by the free woman. But the son by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and the son by the free woman through the promise. This is allegorically speaking, for these *women* are two covenants: one *proceeding* from Mount Sinai bearing children who are to be slaves; she is Hagar. Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother. For it is written, “REJOICE, BARREN WOMAN WHO DOES NOT BEAR; BREAK FORTH AND SHOUT, YOU WHO ARE NOT IN LABOR; FOR MORE NUMEROUS ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE DESOLATE THAN OF THE ONE WHO HAS A HUSBAND.” And you brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise. But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him *who was born* according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the Scripture say? “CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN AND HER SON, FOR THE SON OF THE BONDWOMAN SHALL NOT BE AN HEIR WITH THE SON OF THE FREE WOMAN.” So then, brethren, we are not children of a bondwoman, but of the free woman.

Allegorically - ἀλληγορέω (allēgoreō): vb.; ≡ Str 238; TDNT 1.260—LN 33.18 speak allegorically, take figuratively, make an allegory ([Gal 4:24+](#))*to employ an analogy or likeness in communicating—‘to speak allegorically, to employ an analogy, to use a likeness.’ ‘this incident can be taken as a kind of likeness: the two women stand for two covenants’*

Galatians 3:12–14 NASB95

However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, “HE WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”—in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Galatians 4:9 NASB95

But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?

Matthew 3:9 NASB95

and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father’; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham.

Galatians 3:7 NASB95

Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.

Genesis 25:12 NASB95

Now these are *the records of* the generations of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah’s maid, bore to Abraham;

Genesis 16:1–2 NASB95

Now Sarai, Abram’s wife had borne him no *children*, and she had an Egyptian maid whose name was Hagar. So Sarai said to Abram, “Now behold, the LORD has prevented me from bearing *children*. Please go in to my maid; perhaps I will obtain children through her.” And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

Genesis 21:1–2 NASB95

Then the LORD took note of Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had promised. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him.

Exodus 34:29 NASB95

It came about when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the testimony *were* in Moses’ hand as he was coming down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his speaking with Him.

Revelation 21:2 NASB95

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 20:15 NASB95

And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Isaiah 54:1 NASB95

“Shout for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no *child*; Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed; For the sons of the desolate one *will be* more numerous Than the sons of the married woman,” says the LORD.

Desolate - ἔρημος (erēmos), ov (on): adj.; ≡ DBLHebr 4497, 9037–9040; Str 2048; TDNT 2.657—1. LN 85.84 uninhabited, deserted, absent of inhabitants ([Mt 23:38](#); [Ac 1:20](#); [Lk 13:35](#) v.r.); 2. LN 1.86 lonely (place), remote, solitary ([Mt 14:13](#), [15](#)); 3. LN 35.55 forsaken, the state of one deserted ([Gal 4:27](#))

Genesis 21:9–10 NASB95

Now Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking. Therefore she said to Abraham, “Drive out this maid and her son, for the son of this maid shall not be an heir with my son Isaac.”

Galatians 3:7 NASB95

Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.

Galatians 3:29 NASB95

And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to promise.

John 3:5–6 NASB95

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Genesis 2:16–17 NASB95

The LORD God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”

Spirit - πνεῦμα (pneuma), ατος (atos), τό (to): n.neu.; ≡ DBLHebr 8120; Str 4151; TDNT 6.332—1. LN 12.18 Holy Spirit ([Mk 1:12](#)); 2. LN 12.33 spirit, non material being ([Jn 4:24](#); [Ac 23:8](#)); 3. LN 12.37 evil spirit ([Mt 8:16](#)); 4. LN 12.42 ghost ([Lk 24:37](#), [39](#)); 5. LN 26.9 inner being, non material faculty that can respond to God ([Ac 17:16](#); [Eph 5:9](#))

Soul - ψυχή (psychē), ἡς (ēs), ἡ (hē): n.fem.; ≡ DBLHebr 5883; Str 5590; TDNT 9.608—1. LN 26.4 inner self, heart, mind; a psychological faculty ([Ac 4:32](#); [Eph 6:6](#); [Heb 12:3](#)); 2. LN 23.88 life, life, soul, the self (often translated by the personal pronoun); that which is in someone to give animate life and distinction ([Ro 11:3](#)); 3. LN 9.20 person, as a living being ([Ac 2:41](#); [Ro 2:9](#))

Romans 5:1–5 NASB95

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.