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A SUMMER IN GALATIANS



Section 2:

THE INCLUSIVE GOSPEL OF GRACE



A *Radical*
GRACE *Series*

The background is a vibrant, multi-colored image of a tropical beach scene. It features palm trees, buildings, and people. The colors are a mix of green, blue, yellow, and orange, creating a bright and lively atmosphere. The text 'Part 8: Included By Birth' is overlaid in the center in a bold, black font.

Part 8: Included By Birth

Galatians 4:21

²¹ Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law?

- The question posed
- The difficulty of the text
 - Calls for an understanding of the Old Testament, particularly the book of Genesis
 - Is a technical argument, well known to the Jews of that time

Galatians 4:22-23

²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³ But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise.

- The Historical background
 - Two sons, Ishmael and Isaac
 - Two mothers, Hagar and Sarah
 - Two births, one according to promise, one according to flesh

Galatians 4:24-28

²⁴ Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵ Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶ But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷ For it is written, 'Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!

Galatians 4:24-28

For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband.'

²⁸ Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.

Two Covenants

The old covenant of the Law

Hagar a slave woman

Earthly Jerusalem

In bondage

The new covenant of Grace

Sarah the freewoman

Heavenly Jerusalem

Free in Christ

Isaac and Hagar

Isaac:

- Born through the empowerment of God
- Brought joy to the life of his parents
- Grew and was weaned (at approximately three years old)
- Was persecuted by his brother Ishmael, persecution which typifies Law versus Grace, the Flesh versus the Spirit

Isaac and Hagar

Hagar:

- Was Abraham's second wife
- Was a slave
- Was not meant to bear Abraham's child
- Gave birth to a slave
- Was cast out by Abraham

The Applications From The Passage

- Impossibility of growth without knowledge of the Word
- Incompatibility of Law and Grace

The Applications From The Passage

- The inevitability of persecution (2 Tim. 3:12)
- The inheritance of God's promises fulfilled (2 Cor. 1:20)
- The invitation to freedom (5:1) is followed by an incessant call to stand firm against falling back into legalism



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