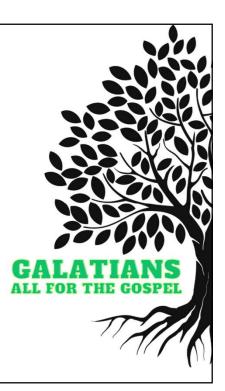


God Can Not Be Manipulated. However, Skewed Teaching Can Lead To The Impression We Have Power Over God. When We Step Away From Solid Truths, We Bind Ourselves In Inaccurate Teachings.





Galatians 4:21–31

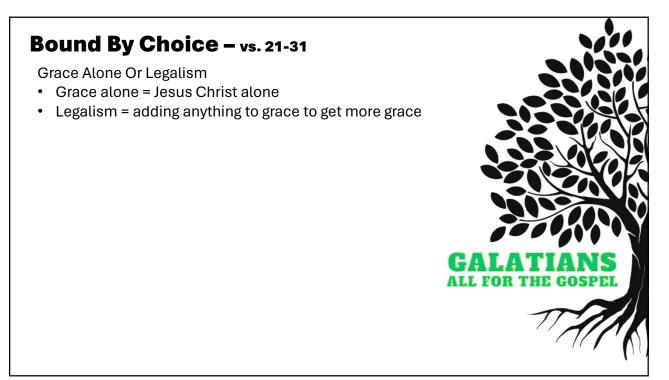
[21] Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? [22] For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. [23] But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. [24] 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.

Galatians 4:21-31

[27] For it is written,

"Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband.

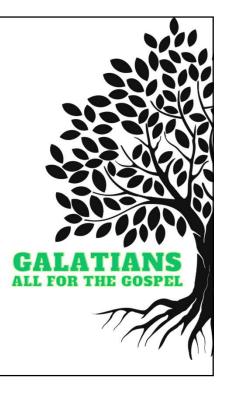
[28] Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. [29] But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. [30] But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." [31] So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.



Bound By Choice - vs. 21-31

Grace Alone Or Legalism The Root Of The Abrahamic Covenant

- God's plan to bless Abraham and Sarah with a child
 - Required waiting on God to provide the impossible
 - Great faith than already demonstrated

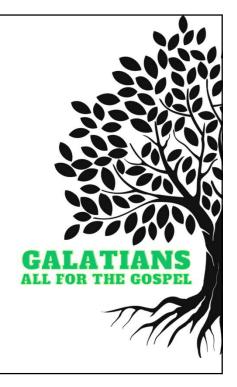


Genesis 12	Abram called to leave his home country- promise given/ 75 years old	
Genesis 15	Reminder od the covenant by God; Abram ask God about plan B; land promised; slavery prophesied	
Genesis 16	Sarai blames God for being childless; offers Hagar to Abram to help God; Hager conceives, Sarai is angered; Promise to Hager and Ishmael; Abram was 86 years old	
Genesis 17	Name change to Abraham; sign of the covenant given (circumcision); Abraham was 99 years old; promise of Isaac – son of the covenant	ALL FOR THE GOSPEL
Genesis 21	Isaac is born; Abraham was 100 years old	· // /

Bound By Choice – vs. 21-31

Grace Alone Or Legalism The Root Of The Abrahamic Covenant Illustration Of Sarah And Hagar

- Sarah free Isaac
- Hagar slave Ishmael
- One represents present Jerusalem Hagar
- One represents Jerusalem above Sarah



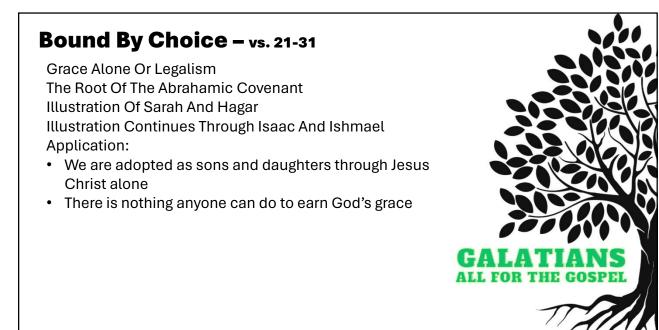
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Grace Alone Or Legalism The Root Of The Abrahamic Covenant Illustration Of Sarah And Hagar Illustration Continues Through Isaac And Ishmael

- Ishmael mistreated Isaac
- Oppressors mistreating the believers
- Believers are Abraham children through the work of the Holy Spirit





Galatians 5:1–6

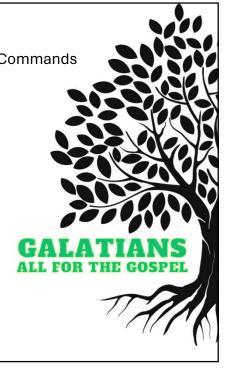
[1] For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

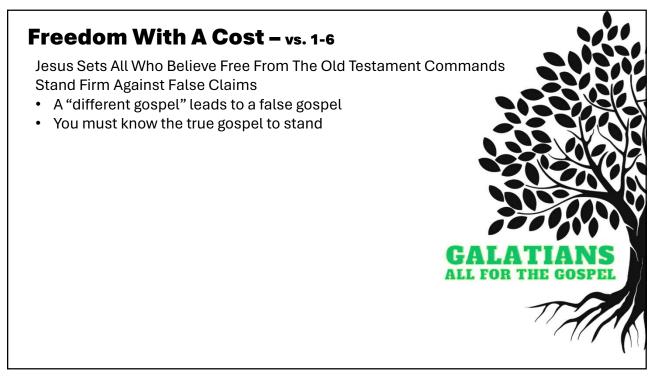
[2] Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. [3] I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. [4] You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. [5] For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. [6] For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

Freedom With A Cost – vs. 1-6 Jesus Sets All Who Believe Free From The Old Testament Commands

• The Law was a guardian until Jesus

- Obeying the Law was not the means of salvation
- Faith has always been the means of salvation







Freedom With A Cost – vs. 1-6

Jesus Sets All Who Believe Free From The Old Testament Commands Stand Firm Against False Claims "If" They Are Right

Through The Holy Spirit

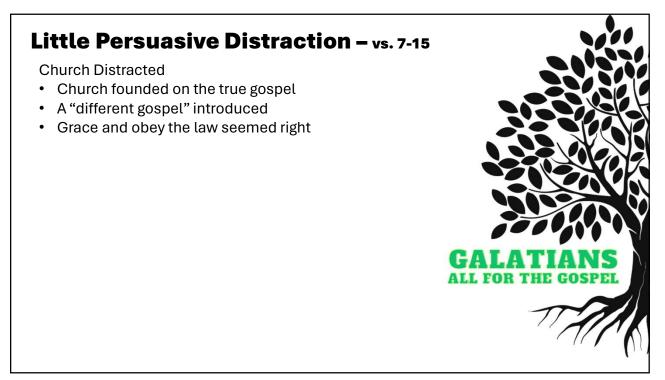
- Faith is recognized
- Eagerly waiting on righteousness
 - We cannot live totally righteous
 - God to provide complete righteousness
 - At the time of death
 - At the return of Jesus



Galatians 5:7–15

[7] You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? [8] This persuasion is not from him who calls you. [9] A little leaven leavens the whole lump. [10] I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. [11] But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. [12] I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

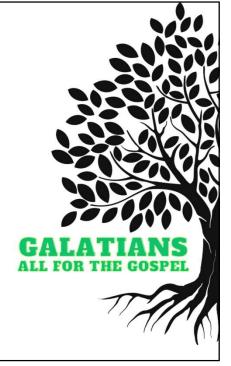
[13] For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.[14] For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." [15] But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.



Little Persuasive Distraction - vs. 7-15

Church Distracted "A Little Leaven"

- Church founded on the true gospel
- A "different gospel" introduced
- Grace and obey the law seemed right

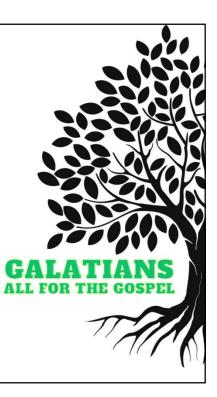


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Little Persuasive Distraction - vs. 7-15

Church Distracted "A Little Leaven" God's Message Of Grace Is Not Changing

- Consequences for anyone misleading the church away from the gospel
- If the law, then salvation would be based on human efforts leading to pride instead of humility
- The gospel points the issue of everyone sins
- The gospel demonstrates faith alone in Christ as a demonstration of God's love



Little Persuasive Distraction – vs. 7-15 Church Distracted "A Little Leaven" God's Message Of Grace Is Not Changing Serious Offense Must Be Dealt With The gospel brings freedom Not to continue in sin But... through love God's love for mankind Believers love for each other A false gospel leads to destroying the church and the fellowship

