

A TALE OF TWOS

Galatians 4:21-5:1



Galatians 4:21 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. 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.”*

Son of the bondswoman, Ishmael | Son of the freewoman, Isaac

Expulsion | Inheritance

Enslaved | Free

Jewish Church | Christian Church

TWO SONS

The bondswoman, Hagar | The freewoman, Sarah

Natural birth (the flesh) | Supernatural birth (the promise)

Persecuting | Persecuted

Fruitful | Barren

TWO COVENANTS

Mount Sinai | Mount Calvary

The Law | The Promise

The earthly Jerusalem | The heavenly Jerusalem

The Jewish Church is enslaved | The Christian Church is free

TWO MOUNTAINS

YOU CAN'T BE IN BOTH CAMPS

MOSAIC COVENANT = Conditional

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT = Unconditional

CHRIST'S NEW COVENANT = Unconditional

HAGAR RELATIONSHIP = CONTROL

SARAH RELATIONSHIP = FAITH / FREEDOM

Why is this GRACE of CHRIST such BIG DEAL?

GALATIANS

EXPERIENCE FREEDOM



- *Complexity perplexes.**
- *Simplicity protects us.**

Galatians 4:28 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.

5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

4:28 You are a spiritual child born of faith in the promise...LIVE FREE!

4:29 You have been born of the Spirit...BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT!

4:30 You are an heir of the Kingdom of God... EMBRACE YOUR INHERITANCE!

4:31 You are a brother/sister in the family... STAY CONNECTED TO THE BODY!

5:1 Christ, Your Redeemer, has set you free..STAND FIRM!