

Jesus. And That's All.

Galatians 4

Vs. 1-7 - Follow the logic of Paul.

- In some ways there is no difference between a slave and child. Each of them has to do what their authority figure says that they have to do. However, what happens in vs. 4?
- How did Christ put himself under the law? See verse below.
- Matthew 3: 13-15 - Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.
- What does the word, "redeem" mean?
- What is the result of Christ's saving work in our relationship with the Father in vs. 6? Focus on the word, "Abba."
- What is the result of Christ's saving work in regard to our future?
- Is an inheritance earned? Typically, what is an inheritance based on?

Vs. 8-11 - This is a harsh section. What does Paul say at the end of this section? What does he mean by that?

- What are the special festivals that Paul is talking about?

13-16 - We don't know the exact ailment that Paul suffered. Clearly, how was he treated? Yet, how was their joy robbed?

- What is the difference between Christian joy and happiness?

17-20 - Is there a problem with being zealous for what you believe? What is the problem?

- Does Paul take any joy in speaking these words to the Galatians? Can you think of a time when you had to speak difficult words to someone you love?
- What does Paul want for them?

Vs. 21-31 - Before reading this section, first read the verses below to understand Sarah, Abraham, Isaac, Ishmael and Hagar. Read the verses below.

Genesis 17:15-21 - God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. 16 I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”

17 Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, “Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?” 18 And Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!”

19 Then God said, “Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac.[d] I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. 20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. 21 But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year.”

- When Paul talks about slavery and being free, what is he referring to?
- Notice again how Paul is using the Old Testament to support his argument. Why is this important?
- Some Christians say that the Old testament is law and the New Testament is gospel. Is that true? Why do you answer as you do?