



Liberated to Live Free in Christ

a study of Galatians

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Starting where you are



Arguments to prove that God saves sinners through faith in Jesus Christ, not by works of the law:

Personal
3:1-5

Scriptural
3:6-14

Logical
3:15-29

Historical
4:1-11

Sentimental
4:12-18

Allegorical
4:19-31

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Galatians 4:12-5:1

- The BIG Idea: The Fellowship of Relationship
- Interpersonal Relationships (4:12-20)
- Spiritual Relationships (4:21-5:1)

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The BIG Idea: The Fellowship of Relationship

Relationships impact our Christian witness and spiritual journey.

Biblical examples:

- How we come to Christ: The witness of other people (John 4:29)
- How we remain in Christ: The prayers of other people (Luke 22:31-32)
- How we encourage others in Christ: Bearing others' burdens (Galatians 6:2)
- How we exercise our faith in Christ: Sharing it with others (Acts 2:46-47)
- How we anticipate Christ: Worship with others (1 Cor 11:26; Heb 10:25)

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For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1



Interpersonal Relationships (4:12-20)

What is the sentiment upon which Paul's argument is made?

The witness of relationships

- Paul appeals to his faith practices (12)
- Paul appeals to their ministry to one another (13-14)
- Paul appeals to their feelings about him (15)

Interpersonal Relationships (4:12-20 *cont'd.*)

The weight of relationships

- How we see ourselves in the light of the Gospel (16-18)
- How we see ourselves in the light of possibilities (19)
- How we see ourselves in the light of others (20)

Sentimental argument: by aligning their relationship (and by extension, their faith) with Paul, they can be free just like Paul.

How have your relationships helped or hindered your spiritual journey?

How can you strengthen your faith to help other believers strengthen theirs?



Spiritual Relationships (4:21-5:1)

Old Covenant (*Law*)

- Hagar was enslaved
- Ishmael: child of a slave woman
- Bearing children for slavery
- Mt. Sinai
- Child will not receive inheritance

New Covenant (*Promise*)

- Sarah was free
- Isaac: child of a free woman
- Bearing children through promise
- Jerusalem
- Child to receive inheritance

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Spiritual Relationships (4:21-5:1 cont'd.)

How does this allegory apply to the believer's liberty?

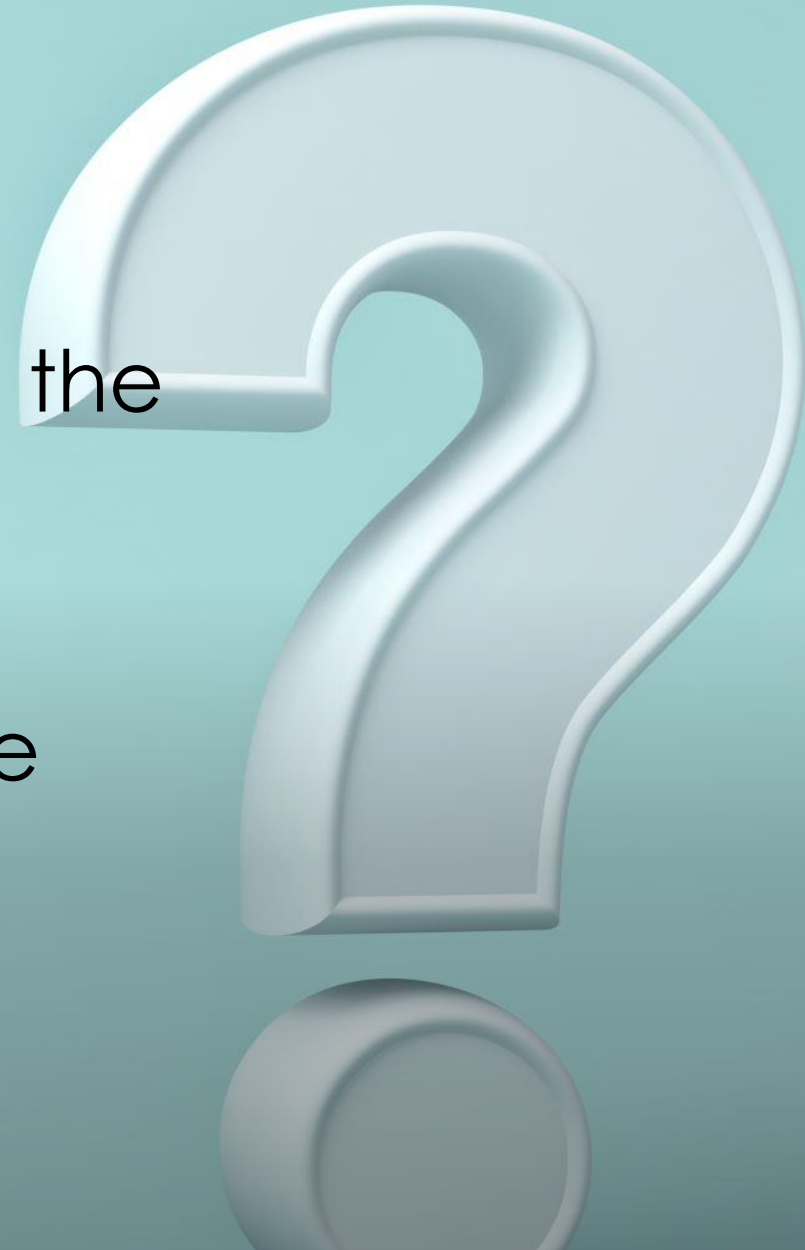
Allegorical argument: identifying with God's covenant promises enables a life of liberty.

- Allegorizing the Covenants (21-23)
- Explaining the Covenants (24-29)
- Applying the Covenants (4:30-5:1)

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How has the Gospel changed the way you see yourself as a believer?

What is the spiritual inheritance you receive by trusting in the Gospel for your salvation?



Questions

