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A **STUDY** THROUGH THE EPISTLE OF GALATIANS



The Major Conflict

- Gal 4:31
- 31 Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.
- We are not under law but grace.



Remember the Allegory

- From verse 21-31, Paul gives the allegory of Hagar and her son Ishmael; and Sarah and her son Isaac.
- Ishmaels' conception was the result of **human will and action**.
- Isaacs' conception was the result of a **promise** God made to Abraham.



Remember the Allegory

- Human will and action represents the vicious cycle of religious/human works trying to get God's results.
- The promise of God represents – humans trusting and relying on what God's word says until they have his results.



What is Freedom?

- Gal 5:1
- It is for **freedom** that Christ has set us free. **Stand firm**, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of **slavery**.
- The idea of freedom has to do with a domain of freedom. It's a realm where we are trusting in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ only, and not in any human works.



Christ is know Value?

- Gal 5:2-3
- 2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, **Christ shall profit you nothing.**
- 3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.
- **Note: You cannot trust in human works and the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus at the same time.**



Christ is know Value?

- Gal 5:4
- Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are **fallen from grace**.
- Gal 5:5
- For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.
- **The Holy Spirit only works for us when our faith is focused on what Jesus has accomplished for us through his death, burial and resurrection.**
- The word 'fallen', means to drop off or to be estranged. One can become estranged from grace or the benefits of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ by trusting in some religious works or human ability to make them right with God.



The Internal versus the External

- Gal 5:6
- For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.
- External religious works have no eternal value. What counts is faith in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ; which motivates one to love God; and that love is demonstrated by acts of service to our fellow man.



The Just shall live by Faith

- **Hab 2:4**
- **4** Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: **but the just shall live by his faith.**
- **Rom 1:17**
- **17** For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.**



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- **Gal 3:11**

- **11** But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, **The just shall live by faith.**

- **Heb 10:38**

- **38** Now **the just shall live by faith**: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

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