

What is a Christian?

Discipling with Scripture & Theology

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Galatians 4:21-31

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GALATIANS: Jesus changes everything through the Gospel of Grace & the Holy Spirit

Chap. 1 Only ONE Gospel (Jesus' Gospel): Saves & changes sinners into Jesus lovers

Chap. 2 ONE Gospel can save anyone: Become a Christian (2:16); Live as a Christian (2:20)

Chap. 3 Explanation: Trusting Jesus alone (not Jesus +) justifies sinners; Purpose of the Law

Chap. 4 Result: Believers are **redeemed by Jesus, adopted by Father & indwelt by Holy Spirit**

Closing Argument:

I. 'Law-Keepers' ... Do you listen to the Law?

Gal. 4:21-27

Vs. 22-23 **Abraham—Historical facts**

2 Sons

Ishmael

Isaac

2 Women (Moms)

Slave (Hagar)

Free (Sarah)

2 Ways they were born

According to the flesh

According to PROMISE

- Man's will

- God's will

Vs. 24-26 **Interpretation—Allegory**

Mom

Hagar

Sarah

Covenant

Old-LAW

New-JESUS

Location

Mt. Sinai

Heaven

Jerusalem

Earthly

Above

Children

Judaism

True Christianity

Result

Slavery

Freedom

Vs. 27 **Proof Text:** Isaiah 54:1

Paul's Point: Gospel of Grace NOT the Legalistic Gospel (Jesus +) is supported by OT Scripture.

Become a Christian:

Live as a Christian:

II. 'Brothers' ... Who's your mama?

Gal. 4:28-31

Vs. 28 **Identity:**

Vs. 29 **Explanation:**

Vs. 30 **Scripture:**

Vs. 31 **Application:**

Paul's Encouragement:

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Disciple with Scripture (& theology)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Salvation Equation: God's Work + Man's Response = Eternal life/Total forgiveness

Rom. 1:16/1 Cor. 15:1-2 (Gospel) (Saving faith)

Gospel: Good news about Jesus Christ: His Person / His Work / His Accomplishment

1 Cor. 15:3-5/Gal. 1:12

Saving faith: Repentance (stop trusting self) & trusting only in Jesus (His Gospel)

Rom. 10:9-10/Gal. 2:16

Once saved...Always saved...For those who are truly saved!

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