

# Galatians 4-6

Galatians has been called:

“The Magna Carta of Christian Liberty”

“The Bill of Rights of the Christian Life,”

“The Emancipation Proclamation”

Ray Stedman: “The gospel of liberty in Jesus Christ, the life of freedom, must neither be lost through legalism nor abused through license.”





# Outline of Chapters 4-6

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# 4:1-16

## Children


vs.

## Sons

- ◆ Immature
- ◆ Need guardians / managers vs 2
- ◆ Enslaved to weak, elemental things vs 3,8
- ◆ Why be enslaved all over again to weak, worthless, elemental things? Vs 9-11

- ◆ Adopted as a mature son & heir vs 5
- ◆ Redeemed/freed from under the law vs 5
- ◆ Spirit indwelt believers who can call out “Abba! Father!” vs 6
- ◆ No longer a slave vs 7





Galatians 4:4 “But when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law.”

Walvrood: “This ‘time’ was when the Roman civilization had brought peace and a road system which facilitated travel; when the Grecian civilization provided a language which was adopted as the *lingua franca* of the empire; when the Jews had proclaimed monotheism and the messianic hope in the synagogues of the Mediterranean world. It was then that God **sent His Son**, the preexistent One, out of heaven and to earth on a mission.”

4:17-5:1

## Bondage vs. Freedom

- ◆ False teachers eagerly seek you, but with wrong motives. Vs 17

- ◆ Paul wanting to see Christ formed in them. Vs 19

Col. 1:28 “And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man complete in Christ.”



4:17-5:1

## Bondage

vs.

## Freedom

- ◆ Hagar vs 22-25
- ◆ Ishmael , a picture of the flesh vs 23
- ◆ Mt Sinai/ earthly Jerusalem vs 24,25
- ◆ Enslaved
- ◆ Persecutes those born of the Spirit vs 29
- ◆ Cast out the bondwoman & son vs 30

- ◆ Sarah vs 22-25
- ◆ Isaac, a picture of God's promise. vs 28
- ◆ Jerusalem above
- ◆ Free vs 26
- ◆ Persecuted
- ◆ Law & Grace can't be mixed





# 5:2-15 Justification by:

## Legalism

vs.

## Grace

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- ◆ Christ will be of no benefit vs 2
  - ◆ Obligated to keep the whole law vs 3
  - ◆ Severed from Christ vs 4
  - ◆ Hindrance to the truth vs 7
  - ◆ Not from Christ vs 8
  - ◆ Likened to leaven vs 9
  - ◆ Legalism brings judgment vs 10
  - ◆ Let the troublemakers mutilate themselves vs 12
  - ◆ Legalism leads to quarrels vs 15


- ◆ Christ has set us free vs 1
- ◆ Faith waits for the hope of righteousness vs 5
- ◆ Faith works through love vs 6
- ◆ The Cross is a stumbling block to man's pride. vs 11
- ◆ Christian liberty is not a license to sin vs 13
- ◆ Liberty serves out of love vs 13,14

# 5:16-24

## Flesh

vs.

## Spirit


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- ◆ Sets its desires against the Spirit. Vs 17
  - ◆ Deeds of the flesh: Immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing. Vs 19-21
  - ◆ Those who practice these will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Vs 21

- ◆ Walk by the Spirit not the flesh. vs 16
- ◆ If led by the Spirit, you're not under the Law. Vs 18
- ◆ The Fruit of the Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; vs 22-23



5:25-6:10

## Practical Exhortations

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- ◆ Walk in the Spirit 5:25
  - ◆ Don't be boastful 5:26
  - ◆ Gently restore those caught in sin 6:1
  - ◆ Bear one another's burdens 6:2
  - ◆ Examine yourself rather than compare yourself w/ others 6:4
  - ◆ Each of us needs to bear our own load of responsibility. 6:5
  - ◆ Support godly teachers 6:6
  - ◆ Remember we reap what we sow 6:7-9
  - ◆ Do good to all, especially to other believers 6:10

# 6:11-18 Conclusion



- ◆ See Paul's LARGE LETTERS! vs 11
- ◆ Beware of those wanting to make a good showing in the flesh. vs 12
- ◆ Legalists are not as interested in keeping the law as in gaining a long list of followers. v 13
- ◆ Boast not in the flesh but in Christ crucified. vs 14
- ◆ What really matters is being a new creature in Christ, not circumcision. vs 15, 2Cor. 5:17
- ◆ Paul gives a blessing of peace & mercy on the new creation & the 'Israel of God.' vs 16
- ◆ "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen." Vs 18



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