

Paul's appeal to feelings of shared love & experiences
The illustration of Abraham's two sons

Galatians 4:12-31

Up to now Paul has confronted the Galatians with powerful and provocative, reasoned arguments to pull them away from Mosaic legalism and nomism. He now drops argumentation, having fired the full logical broadside at them, and switches to entreating them, appealing to their feelings with a sense of shared memories and experiences with him.

Appeal to affection

V12-15, Believe it or not, v12 contains Paul's first imperative in the letter! "Become as I am". When Paul had first preached the gospel to the Galatian churches, he apparently had an illness that was profoundly disturbing and unsightly, yet they had been so moved and appreciative to hear the good news that they overlooked his illness and received him with great joy because of the message he preached to them. It converted them!

- V15, What has happened, oh Galatians, to that sense of happiness and blessing that you know I brought to you? Who stole it from you?!
- Plucking out one's eyes was a common saying showing one was willing to give up everything out of gratitude and love for another.

V16-17, The judaizers seek to cut off the Galatians' respect and affection from Paul and transfer it to themselves. There is a common behavior of cultists: Sociopathic tendencies to isolate their prey and redirect their affects and allegiance.

V18-20, Paul doesn't mind if others minister to them, provided it's in the truth.

- V19, "My children" a term of tender affection as for a child (used only here in Paul's writing). But Paul then say's he's going to go back through the whole labor and delivery process with them a second time! Yuck!
- V20, The geographic distance is frustrating to Paul!

Appeal by illustration of two sons of Abraham from the Law

v21-You want to be under the Law of Moses? *Then listen to the context of the Law!*

V22-30

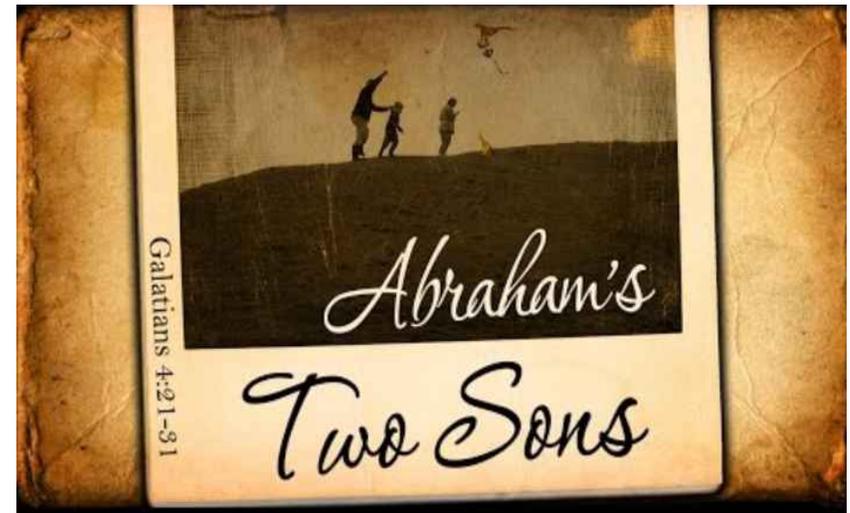
Ishmael, born by will of the flesh	Isaac, born of the Spirit's promise
Mother: Hagar, the slave-woman	Mother: Sarah, the free-woman
The Mosaic covenant of Law	The Abrahamic covenant of grace
Earthly Jerusalem, its problems/limitations	Heavenly Jerusalem, its perfections/freedoms
Ishmael persecuted the free son	Isaac, the free son, blesses all by faith
Principle of Law	Principle of Grace

V31. Conclusion: All in Christ are spiritual descendants of Sarah, the free-woman!



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Galatians Part 8

Galatians 4:12-31

- September 15th , 2019 -

- Order of Service -

Welcoming Prayer

Scripture Reading
Galatians 4:12-20

- 258, *There is Power in the Blood*
- 282, *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*
- *O God beyond all praising*
- 254, *Here is love*
- 255, *Nothing but the Blood (1,4)*

Congregational Reading

Announcements and Prayer requests

Bible Quiz

Greeting

Message in the Word -

Galatians 4:12-31

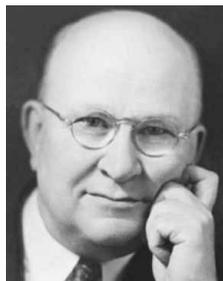
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Sending prayer

"Grace is the very opposite of merit... Grace is not only undeserved favor, but it is favor, shown to the one who has deserved the very opposite."

-- Harry Ironside



Prayer Requests, Praises - Hebrews 4:16

- Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
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News/Calendar

➔ **Wednesday: 6:30PM Bible Study**

➔ **Today, enjoy pot-luck and fellowship with the Hatchers!**

➔ **Hartstone's men's conference, Oct 18-19th**

➔ **Monday, Read Psalm 99**

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- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Galatians 6:6 -

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