



GALATIANS

STANDING IN FREEDOM

GALATIANS 4:22-23

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JOHN 3:5-6

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

THE HISTORICAL SETTING

GALATIANS 4:21 Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?²² For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.²³ But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.

THE HISTORICAL SETTING

GENESIS 16:4 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

⁵And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.

THE HISTORICAL SETTING

HEBREWS 11:11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

THE ALLEGORICAL SYMBOLISM

GALATIANS 4:24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.²⁵ For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.²⁶ But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

THE ALLEGORICAL SYMBOLISM

THE BIRTH OF ISHMAEL The Old Covenant = Mt. Sinai in Arabia = the flesh = bondage = slavery = Jerusalem which now is

THE BIRTH OF ISAAC The New Covenant = by promise = by faith = freedom = the New Jerusalem which is above

THE PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE

GALATIANS 4:26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.²⁷ For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.²⁸ Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

THE PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE

HEBREWS 8:13 In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE: CITIZENSHIP

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PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE: CITIZENSHIP

HEBREWS 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,²³To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,²⁴And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE: CITIZENSHIP

EPHESIANS 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE: CITIZENSHIP

2 CORINTHIANS 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE: INHERITANCE

GALATIANS 4:28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

GALATIANS 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE: INHERITANCE

ROMANS 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE: SEPARATION

GALATIANS 4:29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.³⁰ Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.³¹ So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.