

**Galatians:**  
**“Justification Through Faith in Christ Alone”**  
**Scriptural References**

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**Part 14: Chapter 4:21-31 “Our Adoption As Children of God”**  
**Wednesday, January 31st, 2024**

**Galatians 4:21-31:**

**[21]** *Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law?*

**[22]** *For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman.*

**[23]** *But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise.*

**[24]** *Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar.*

**[25]** *Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.*

**[26]** *But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.*

**[27]** *For it is written, “Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband.”*

**[28]** *Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.*

**[29]** *But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now.*

**[30]** *But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.”*

**[31]** *So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.*

**3 Stages Of Paul’s Argument**

1. Historical: Verses 22-23
2. Allegorical: Verses 24-27
3. Personal: Verses 28-31

### **Relating To Verses 21-23:**

#### **Matthew 3:9**

*And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.*

#### **John 8:31-44**

*So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father." They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. You are doing the works your father did." They said to him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

Galatians 3:14

*...so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.*

Galatians 3:29

*And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.*

Hebrews 11:11

*By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.*

**Relating To Verses 24-27:**

Isaiah 54:1

*"Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married," says the LORD.*

**Relating To Verses 28-31:**

Genesis 21:9

*But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing.*

