

Two Covenants
Lesson #16
Galatians 4:21-31

1. Paul was perplexed as to why the Galatians would want to live under the law when they had been given freedom in Christ. What question did he ask them? (Galatians 4:21)

2. So there would be no confusion among these Gentile believers, Paul gave them a lesson in Israel's history. Beginning with Abraham, what did he say about his two sons? (Galatians 4:22)

3. Using Galatians 4:23a:
 - By whom was this son of Abraham born?

 - How was he born?

4. The story of this son is recorded in Genesis 16. Using Genesis 16:1-4 and 15:
 - What was the problem?

 - What was the solution?

 - What was the name of the mother of this son of Abram?

 - What was the name of this son?

5. Using Galatians 4:23b:
 - By whom was this son of Abraham born?

 - How was he born?

6. The story of this son of Abraham is recorded in Genesis 17 and Genesis 21. The story begins with God speaking directly to Abram. What was God's purpose in speaking? (Genesis 17:2)
7. At that time God changed Abram's name to Abraham. Why did he say he was doing that? (Genesis 17:5, 6)
8. What did God say about Sarai, Abram's wife? (Genesis 17:15, 16)
9. How did Abraham respond to God's wonderful promise? (Genesis 17:17a)
 - Why? (Genesis 17:17b)
10. What was this son's name? (Genesis 21:1-3)
11. Paul said, *"These things must be taken figuratively for the women represent two covenants."* What did Paul say that Hagar represents? (Galatians 4:24b)
12. What corresponds to his illustration of Mt. Sinai? (Galatians 4:25a)
 - Why? (Galatians 4:25b)
13. What did Paul say corresponds to the free woman? (Galatians 4:26)
14. At this thought, Paul breaks out in joy and quotes from Isaiah 54. Why did Paul's joy overflow into print? (Galatians 4:27, 28)

15. Returning to the story of the two sons of Abraham, what did Paul point out about these two sons? (Galatians 4:29a)

16. How did Paul say that applied to the Galatians? (Galatians 4:29b)

17. Going back to the story, what did Paul say the Scriptures said for Abraham to do about the situation, and why? (Galatians 4:30)

18. What truth was Paul illustrating by using this story? (Galatians 4:31)

Reflect: on Paul's introduction in Galatians 4:21 along with his illustration of the slave woman (the Law) and the free woman (Faith in Jesus). What do you think Paul was saying to these Galatian believers through this story?