

Galatians Chapter 4

Read from Bible Galatians 3:16, 24-29; 4:1-20

Galatians 4:1-2 Now I say *that* the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ from the slave, though he is master of all, ²but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.

Galatians 4:3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.

Galatians 4:4-5 ⁴But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Galatians 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out “Abba, Father!”

Matthew 3:11b “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Romans 5:5; 8:9 ^{5:5}Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. ^{8:9}But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

Galatians 4:7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Galatians 4:8-9 ⁸But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods. ⁹But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how *is it that* you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?

Galatians 4:10-13 ¹⁰You observe days and months and seasons and years. ¹¹I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain. ¹²Brethren, I urge you to become like me, for I *became* like you. You have not injured me at all. ¹³You know that because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first.

1 Corinthians 2:2-3 ²For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. ³I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

Galatians 4:14 And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, *even* as Christ Jesus.

Acts 14:11 Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycāōnian *language*, “The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!”

Galatians 4:15-17 ¹⁵What then was the blessing you *enjoyed*? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me. ¹⁶Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth? ¹⁷They zealously court you, *but* for no good; yes, they want to exclude you that you may be zealous for them.

Galatians 4:18-20 ¹⁸But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you. ¹⁹My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you, ²⁰I would like to be present with you now and to change my tone; for I have doubts about you.

Read from Bible Galatians 4:21-31

Galatians 4:21-22 ²¹Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? ²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman.

Genesis 16:1-2, 15 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no *children*. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hāgar. ²So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing *children*. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. ¹⁵So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

Genesis 17:17-19 ¹⁷Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall *a child* be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear *a child*?" ¹⁸And Abraham said to God, "Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!" ¹⁹Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his descendants after him."

Genesis 17: 20 "And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation."

Genesis 17:21 "But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year."

Genesis 18:10 And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." (Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.)

Genesis 21:1-2 And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken. ²For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

Genesis 26:2a, 4b ^{2a}Then the LORD appeared to him [Isaac] and said: ... ^{4b}and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.

Galatians 4:23-24a ²³But he *who* was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise. ^{24a}which things are symbolic...

Romans 9:6b-8 ^{6b}For they *are* not all Israel who *are* of Israel, ⁷nor *are* they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but the children of promise are counted as the seed. ⁸That is, those who *are* not the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.

Galatians 4:24-26 ²⁴which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hāgar— ²⁵for this Hāgar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children— ²⁶but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Galatians 4:27 For it is written: "*Rejoice O barren, you who do not bear! Break forth and shout, you who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children than she who has a husband.*"

Isaiah 53:12b; 54:1 ^{53:12b}And He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. ... ^{54:1}"Sing, O barren, you who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you who have not labored with child! For more *are* the children of the desolate than the children of the married woman," says the LORD.

Galatians 4:28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac *was*, are children of promise.

Galatians 4:29 But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him *who was born* according to the Spirit, even so *it is* now.

Galatians 4:30 Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "*Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not heir with the son of the freewoman.*"

John 8:34b-35 ^{34b}"Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever."

Galatians 4:31 So then brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.