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Bible Study Guide #35

Sunday, October 19TH, 2025

Introductory/Ice Breaker Question

Can you share a time when you discovered that something that looked *free* actually came with hidden conditions? (e.g., a promotion, subscription, or gift).

Scripture

Read **Galatians 4:21–31**

A. Observation

1. In verse 21, Paul challenges those who desire to be under the law. What does it mean to “be under the law,” and why do you think people are drawn to it even after hearing the gospel of grace?

2. Paul uses the story of Abraham’s two sons (Ishmael and Isaac) as an allegory. What do these two sons represent, and how do they illustrate the difference between law and promise? (vv. 22–23)

3. What is the significance of Hagar representing Mount Sinai and earthly Jerusalem, and Sarah representing the Jerusalem above? (vv. 24–26)

4. Verse 27 quotes Isaiah 54:1 about the barren woman rejoicing. How does this prophecy connect to the freedom we have in Christ?

5. In verse 29, Paul describes how the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born according to the Spirit. How do you see this dynamic at work today—in the church or in the world?

6. Paul concludes by urging believers to cast out the slave woman and her son (v. 30). What does this mean for us practically in our walk of faith? How can we ensure we live as “children of promise” and not in bondage to the law?

B. Application

7. How will you apply the truths learned from this week’s study?