

## GALATIANS

### Of the Flesh vs. Of the Promise, (Pt. 2)

Galatians 4:27-31

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*Further lessons from the circumstances of Ishmael's birth to Hagar and Isaac's birth to Sarah:*

1. God has ordained that the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ will be characterized by great fruitfulness and glory.

*"The whole verse is a beautiful description of the wonderful extension of the church, and her spiritual conquest of the \_\_\_\_\_." - Joseph A. Alexander*

2. All who have embraced the promised Christ as Lord and Savior do so because they have been \_\_\_\_\_ according to the Spirit.

*"The spiritual seed, true believers ... are born again of water and of the \_\_\_\_\_, and are renewed in the spirit of their minds; in whom the work of the Spirit is begun, and grace is the governing principle; in whom the Spirit of God dwells and operates; and whose conversation is spiritual, and who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." - John Gill*

3. Christians are likely to experience \_\_\_\_\_ of various sorts from people who may even be religious but have not been born of the Spirit.

*"Whoever is born and lives in Christ and rejoices in the birth and inheritance of God has Ishmael for an \_\_\_\_\_ and persecutor." - Martin Luther*

4. Those who seek to be children of God by carnal and self-righteous means give evidence that they have \_\_\_\_\_ the promised Christ.

*"Those who try to achieve the status of sons and heirs by the righteousness of the Law or by their own righteousness are slaves, who will never receive the inheritance even though they work themselves to death with their great effort; for they are trying, contrary to the will of God, to achieve by their own works what God wants to grant to believers by sheer grace for \_\_\_\_\_ sake." - Martin Luther*