

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*