

“CHILDREN OF PROMISE”

EXPOSITIONS OF GALATIANS, #25

GALATIANS 4:21-31

INTRODUCTION —



A. A HISTORY LESSON

1. ONE FATHER, TWO MOTHERS
2. STATUS: SLAVES & FREE
3. BIRTHS: FLESH VS. PROMISE

B. AN ALLEGORY...

*IMPORTANT PREREQUISITES...

HAGAR

- SLAVE / SON A SLAVE
- BORN ACC. TO 'FLESH'
- MT. SINAI IN ARABIA
- PRESENT JERUSALEM
- OLD COVENANT (~WORKS)
- LIFE OF BONDAGE
- RELIGIOUS LEGALISTS

SARAH

- FREE / SON IS FREE
- BORN ACC. TO PROMISE
- (MT. ZION)
- JERUSALEM FROM ABOVE
- NEW COVENANT (FAITH!)
- LIFE OF FREEDOM
- CHRISTIANS

C. LESSONS LEARNED?

1. THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY OF SALVATION, BY FAITH
2. CHRISTIANS INHERIT THE OT PROMISES BY FAITH
3. IT IS FOOLISH TO CHOSE BONDAGE OVER FREEDOM
4. CHRISTIANS WILL BE PERSECUTED (EVEN BY RELIGIOUS PEOPLE)
5. CHRISTIANS OUGHT TO REJOICE GREATLY!