

Galatians

Week 9 Homework

Reading

This week, read through our assigned passage as often as you can, noting what you observe with each reading.

This week read **Genesis 16:1-16** to learn about Hagar and her son, Ishmael. Also read **Genesis 21:1-10** to learn about Sarah and Abraham's son, Isaac.

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Our HW will be a bit different this week since our lesson focuses almost entirely on Paul's illustration of an actual historical event that occurred in the lives of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar.

Recall Paul's lament in Gal. 4:11: ***"I'm afraid I may have labored over you in vain."*** He was questioning whether they had genuinely converted to Christianity. And in Gal. 4:20: ***"..I am perplexed about you."***

Moving to our passage for this week, we see why here in verse 21: ***"Tell me, you who desire to be under the law..."*** This desire reveals their hearts did not fully understand the freegift of God's grace to them - what was offered in salvation. He finishes this verse by asking, ***"...do you even listen to the law?"*** I love that he begins the next verse by returning to the truths recorded for us in scripture, ***"For it is written..."***

After completing the reading (listed above), answer the following:

Questions

1. How does Paul's illustration continue the contrast he has been making between law and grace?
2. Sketch a chart or make a side-by-side list that compares the two women, their sons, and any descriptions you see.

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3. Verses 24-25 mention Mt. Sinai - what do we know about this place? (see Exodus 19)

A) To what are Hagar and her children enslaved?

4. To understand "...the Jerusalem above is free," in verse 26, see the following:
Hebrews 12:18 and 22; Philippians 3:20, Galatians 5:1, Isaiah 61:1, John 8:36, Romans 6:18 and 22, 2 Corinthians 3:17

A) where/what is the 'Jerusalem above'?

5. In Galatians 4:21-31 how many times do you see "it is written" or a phrase asking us to look to Scripture? What is the significance of this?