



Logos Class – Letter to the Galatians

On Campus and Zoom class for Mar 20, 2022

Galatians– Chapter 4

Our next few weeks...

- ✓ *Feb 27, 2022 – Galatians Intro and Ch 1*
- ✓ *Mar 6, 2022- Galatians Ch 2*
- ✓ *Mar 13, 2022 – Galatians Ch 3*
- ✓ *Mar 20, 2022 – Galatians Ch 4*
- *Mar 27, 2022 – Galatians Ch 5*
- ***Apr 3, 2022 – Galatians Ch 6 & Wrap***
- ***Apr 10, 2022 – Palm Sunday lesson***
- ***Apr 17, 2022 – Resurrection Sunday Lesson***

Before we start Gal Ch 4

- Last week we discussed Ukraine again and we talked about our concerns with the situations
- I also mentioned the concerns about the reminders to me of the scenes in Rev 6 with the Opening of the seal judgments. We call this the 4 horsemen of the Apocalypse
- We discussed the White Horse, The Red Horse, the Black Horse and the Pale Horse and related how it is possible to see these predicted judgments actually playing out in today's situation.
- We also took comfort in the fact that these are just shadows today of some future events, and that as believers, we will not be here for them.

Outline of the letter to the Galatians

- ✓ *Introduction, Chapter 1:1-10*
- ✓ *Personal, Chapters 1:11— 2:14*
- ***Authority of the apostle and glory of the gospel***
 - ✓ *Doctrinal, Chapters 2:15—4:31*
 - ✓ *Justification by Faith*
 - ✓ *Faith vs. Works, Liberty vs. Bondage*
- ***Practical, Chapters 5:1—6:10***
 - *Sanctification by the Spirit*
 - *Spirit vs. Flesh, Liberty vs. Bondage*
- ***Autographed conclusion, Chapter 6:11-18***

Before we start Chapter 4, a few things

From Chapter 3: The purpose of the Mosaic Law

- Valid between Mt Sinai giving of Tablets and Coming of Christ/Holy Spirit
- Reminded the Jews that
 - *With a view of Sin expressed by the Law- they were sinners and should yearn for the coming Messiah, otherwise forgiveness and salvation would always be fleeting*
 - *Belief and Faith in His coming were key to their salvation and Redemption*

Gal Ch 4:1-3 The Analogy of a Minor Child

*4 What I am saying is that as long as **an heir** is underage, he is **no different from a slave**, although he owns the whole estate.*

*2 The heir is subject to guardians and trustees **until the time set by his father.***

*3 So **also**, when **we** were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces (basic principles) of the world.*

Gal Ch 4:4-7

⁴ But when the set time had **fully come**, God sent his Son, **born of a woman, born under the law**,

⁵ to **redeem those under the law**, that we might receive **adoption** to sonship.

⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the **Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.”**

⁷ So you are no longer a slave, **but God’s child**; and since you are his child, **God has made you also an heir.**

The Endpoint is the same – fully sons/daughters and heirs

Gal Ch 4:8-11 Paul's concern for the Galatians

⁸ *Formerly, when you did not know **God**, you were slaves to those who by nature are not **gods**.*

⁹ ***But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—**how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces? **Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again?***

¹⁰ *You are observing special days and months and seasons and years!*

¹¹ *I fear for you, that somehow, I have wasted my efforts on you.*

Gal Ch 4:12-16 *Paul pleads with them...*

¹² *I plead with you, brothers and sisters, become like me, for I became like you. You did me no wrong.*

¹³ *As you know, it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you,*

¹⁴ *and even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus himself.*

¹⁵ *Where, then, is your blessing of me now? I can testify that, if you could have done so, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me.*

¹⁶ *Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth?*

Gal Ch 4:17-20

17 Those people are zealous to win you over, ***but for no good.***
What they want is to alienate you from us, so that you may have zeal for them.

18 It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always, not just when I am with you.

19 My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you,

20 how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!

Gal Ch 4:21-23 *Old Story with a twist*

²¹ Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says?

²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman.

²³ His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise.

Hagar and Sarah

In Jewish Thought...

- For Jews the interpretation of a passage came in many forms:
 - **The literal meaning** – this was the surface meaning of the text as you read it
 - **The suggested meaning** – this was how the verse fit into the narrative
 - **The deeper meaning** - After study, this is what it means
 - **The Allegorical meaning** – we sometimes call this then spiritual meaning of the passage as we think about how it relates to us.

Paul is going to take the Allegorical meaning of this story

Gal Ch 4:24-27 *An allegory*

*²⁴ These things are being taken **figuratively**: The women represent **two covenants**. One covenant is from **Mount Sinai** and bears children who are to be slaves: **This is Hagar**.*

*²⁵ Now Hagar stands for **Mount Sinai in Arabia** and corresponds to the **present city of Jerusalem**, because she is in slavery with her children.*

*²⁶ But the Jerusalem that is **above** is **free, and she is our mother**. ²⁷ For it is written: (Isa 54:1)*

*“Be glad, barren woman, you who never bore a child;
shout for joy and cry aloud, you who were never in labor;
because more are the children of the desolate woman
than of her who has a husband.”*

Gal Ch 4:28-5:1...a Question for the Ages

²⁸ Now you, brothers and sisters, *like Isaac*, are children of *promise*.

²⁹ At that time the son born according to the flesh **persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit**. *It is the same now.*

³⁰ **But what does Scripture say?** (Gen 21:10)

*“Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the **slave woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman’s son.**”*

³¹ **Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman**

5 It is for *freedom* that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Next Week...*Paul turns to the practical Advice*

- ***Read Chapter 5** and come ready to discuss*
- *Pray for the people in Ukraine and especially our brothers and sisters in the 3 Redeemer Churches there*
- *Pray for our leaders and world leaders to be able to end this war and resulting death on all sides.*
- *Pray for our Pastors, and all those who are persecuted for their faith in the US, Canada, and worldwide.*
- *Pray for our brothers and sisters in this class and in FRC that are suffering and have desperate need of prayer*
- *Come back next week.*