

# **Law Versus Grace**

## **Galatians 4:21-31**

**There is a difference!!!**

### **A. The Facts (4:21-23)**

- 1. Do you know what you are trying to get into? (4:21)**
- 2. Which son of Abraham are you? (4:22)**
  - a. Ishmael (Genesis 16:1-16)**
  - b. Isaac (Genesis 21:1-7)**
- 3. How were you born? (4:23)**

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### **B. The Figure (4:24-27) - continued**

#### **1. The Mosaic Covenant (4:24-25)**

**a. One born of a slave is a slave**

**James 2:10**

**b. Trying to live in the law makes you a slave to the law**

**Romans 7:1**

**c. There is nothing different now in Jerusalem**

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**B. The Figure (4:24-27)**

**2. The Covenant of Grace (4:26-27)**

**a. Its origin**

**Revelation 21:2**

**b. Its offspring**

**Isaiah 54:1**

**c. Its offer**

**Romans 4:16**

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### **C. The Application (4:28-31)**

#### **1. Comparing Isaac to Christians (4:28)**

##### **a. Supernatural births**

**John 3:3, 5**

##### **b. Separate lifestyles**

#### **2. Comparing Ishmael to false teachers (4:29)**

##### **a. Ishmael opposed Isaac**

**Genesis 21:8-9**

##### **b. Judaizers oppose salvation by grace alone**

**Acts 15:1**

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### **C. The Application (4:28-31) - continued**

#### **3. Comparing Abraham to the Galatians (4:30-31)**

##### **a. Remove the false teachers (v 30)**

**Genesis 21:10, 12**

##### **b. Realize that you are the children of God's promise (v 31)**

**John 8:36**

**If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free  
indeed.**

**Freedom In Christ**  
**Galatians 5:1-15**

**Live As If You Are Free**

# **I. Stand Fast For Freedom (5:1-3)**

## **Galatians 5:1-3**

**1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.**

**2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.**

**3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.**

**A. A command to follow (5:1a)**

**B. A condition to forsake (5:1b)**

**C. A consideration to foresee (5:2)**

**D. A commitment to failure (5:3)**

## **II. Don't Fall From Grace (5:4-6)**

### **Galatians 5:4-6**

**4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are **fallen** from grace.**

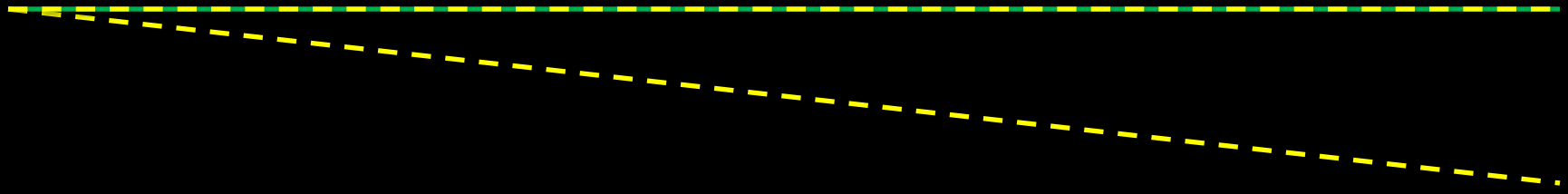
**5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.**

**6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.**



## **II. Don't Fall From Grace (5:4-6)**

### **A. You are going off course (5:4)**



### **B. You need a course correction (5:5-6)**

- 1. You need a guidance command (v 5a)**
- 2. You need to stay on the correction (v 5b)**
- 3. Do not get sidetracked (v 6)**

### **III. Leave The Leaven (5:7-12)**

#### **Galatians 5:7-12**

**7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?**

**8 This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you.**

**9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.**

**10 I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.**

**11 And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased.**

**12 I would they were even cut off which trouble you.**

### **III. Leave The Leaven (5:7-12)**

#### **A. The power of persuasion (5:7-9)**

- 1. Can take you out of the race**
- 2. Can make you deaf to the truth**
- 3. Can totally corrupt**

#### **Matthew 16:6**

**Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.**

#### **B. The prospect of perseverance (5:10)**

#### **C. The problems of their prevarication (5:11)**

**They said Paul believed as they did**

#### **D. The perspective of the preacher (5:12)**

## **IV. Hear The Call Of Liberty (5:13-15)**

### **Galatians 5:13-15**

**13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.**

**14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

**15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.**

## **IV. Hear The Call Of Liberty (5:13-15)**

### **A. Not to be served but to serve (5:13)**

**Matthew 20:28**

**Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.**

### **B. To live above the law (5:14)**

**1 John 4:16**

**And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.**

### **C. To not be consumed by the lack of love (5:15)**

## **James 1:25**

**But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.**