

“Galatians # 7”

Gal. 4:28-31 / Gal. 5: 1-15

Review: 4:24-26... “We ended with these verse’s...” (Review Hagar and Sarah)

ESV... *“Now this may be interpreted allegorically, these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar... she corresponds to the present Jerusalem; for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free; and she is our mother.”*

- The heavenly or spiritual Jerusalem is free... and she is our mother!
- We have been born of the Spirit, born of promise... to be free!

➤ **Gal. 4: 28-31 (Read)**

V28... (Now; we are children of promise)

V29... (Nothing has changed, those that are of the flesh, persecute those born of the Spirit)

Woman at the well... *“Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship... Jesus said to her... the hour is coming, and now is here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”*

V30... “Cast out the slave woman and her son...” (What is Paul saying?)

- Lit. “Cast out the Law” (For the law can not do what the promise can do)
- What is that?... **set us free!** (From sin and death)

V31... (Read)

- We no longer have the spirit of bondage, but the Spirit of sonship!

➤ **Gal. 5: 1-6**

V1... Why has Christ set us free? (For freedom: The state of being free or at liberty... Exemption from external control, interference, regulation, etc.)

- When I read that I thought of the scripture that says... We have been circumcised in the heart. **(Romans 2: 28-29)**

V's 2-6...

Kenneth Wuest: Says in summary of V's 1-12...

"Paul exhorts the Galatians to hold fast to the freedom from law which the Lord Jesus had procured for them by the blood of His Cross, and not become entangled again in a legalistic system"

- Judaizers lived their lives by dependence on self-effort in an attempt to obey the law.
- The Christian should live his life dependent on the indwelling of the Holy Spirit our hearts occupied with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- Our hearts being circumcised by God, guided by the Holy Spirit.
- **Faith working through Love!**

V's 7-12... (Read)

V10... Seems most of the trouble was coming from only one or only a few Judaizes.

- Isn't it always that way.
- The radical minority always tries to set the agenda for everyone else.

V12... What is Paul talking about?

NKJV “ I could wish that those who trouble you would even cut themselves off”

Cut off: “Apokopto”... The word refers to bodily mutilation... Sounds innocent in the NKJV, but Paul is upset with these Judaizers. (We would call them rebels today)

Expanded Translation: “*I would that they who are upsetting you, would even have themselves mutilated...*”

- Strong words

NIV... “*As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves*”

Gal 4:13-15... (Read – Comment)

- Through Love serve one another!!