

The “plucking out of their own eyes,” was only an expression given by Paul: meaning, they would have done anything to help him.

#### ALLEGORY OF AGAR (HAGAR) AND SARAH (Galatians 4:21-31)

Paul, here uses an allegory (symbol or parable of sorts) of Hagar and Sarah (Agar is the Greek rendering of the word; and Hagar is the Hebrew) to describe the difference between the Mosaic law and that of grace through faith.

1. How did Paul refer to Abraham’s two sons in Galatians 4:22,23? (ref. Genesis 17):  
(a) Isaac? \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Ishmael? \_\_\_\_\_
2. (a) How is the bondwoman described in Galatians 4:23? \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) What is said of the freewoman? (same verse) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Describe the 2 Covenants (testaments) from Galatians 4:24-26,28:  
(a) Which is Agar - \_\_\_\_\_  
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(b) Which is of the (heavenly) Jerusalem and Isaac - \_\_\_\_\_  
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## FOURTH STUDY

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### ARGUMENT - SALVATION BY FAITH CONTINUES

#### HEIRSHIP AND SONSHIP (Galatian 4:1-7)

An heir is no more than a servant until legally of age (4:1-2). Even so, we were children under bondage to the law until Christ came to redeem us from the law, that we might become adopted sons of God and free from the law (v3-7).

*When the fullness of time was come.* Galatians 4:4. God sent forth His Son when the fullness of time was come.

The Scriptures are full of the prophecies that God’s Son would eventually come to redeem mankind and lead many sons to glory. It is said there are 332 predictions of Christ’s coming. all were completely fulfilled in the coming of Jesus. Time moved forward, and was to climax in the birth of Jesus Christ. <sup>1</sup>

*Made under the law.* Galatians 4:4. Christ was born under the law, that is, the law was still in effect until Christ redeemed those who were under the law (Galatians 4:5).

1. Not only are we heir’s with Christ; but what are we also called in Galatians 4:6? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Because we are sons, what did God do in us?

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1. Life of Christ, LMSB, p. 20.

(Galatians 4:6) \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. To whom do you think Paul is referring when he says, "The Spirit of God's Son?" (Galatians 4:6) \_\_\_\_\_
4. When we become a son of God and a joint-heir of God with Christ, what are we no more? (Galatians 4:7) \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, we are no more servants to the law, but we are **sons - that serve**.

**DON'T TURN BACK!** (Galatians 4:8-20)

Paul warns the believers not to turn back to the law from which they have been redeemed (Galatians 4:8).

1. What does Paul say will happen to them if they go back to the law? (Galatians 4:9) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Before they knew the true and living God, they were into bondage to gods who could not even be gods at all, because they didn't even exist (Galatians 4:8; ref. Romans 1:25).

Paul goes on to say in Galatians 4:9 (AB)-  
"Now, however, that you have come to be acquainted with and understand and know [the true] God, or rather to be understood and known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly and worthless elementary things [of all religions before Christ came], whose slaves you

once more want to become?

*Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you.* Galatians 4:10,11.

Paul is reprimanding these believers, by saying, "I'm alarmed about you, because you observe particular days and months, referring to the Sabbath days, and new moons, and Jewish festivals, and other such activities." The Galatians obviously didn't realize where this was leading, but the Apostle did. He saw them going down a dangerous path back into Judaism.

Because of those trying to lead them back into the keeping of the law, Paul appeals to their past affection toward him when he ministered to them while going through a great trial in his own life.

2. From Galatians 4:14,15:

(a) What does Paul call the trial he experienced?  
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(b) How did the Galatians act toward him at that time? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Some believe Paul's "thorn in the flesh" (II Corinthians 12:7), and this affliction is the same as his being buffeted by *the messenger of Satan*; but Some say it could have been that he was scarred from being stoned (Acts 14:19). I believe it to be the same.