

Who's Your Mother?

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So, you want to live under the law. Really? [21]

The tale of two sons. [22-23]

Two different legal standings:

1. Ishmael was born into _____
2. Isaac was born into _____

The manner of their births:

1. Ishmael was conceived according to the _____
2. Isaac was conceived according to the _____

The tale of two mothers. [24-27]

Two mothers, two covenants:

1. Hagar stands for the _____ of _____
2. Sarah stands for the _____ of _____

Two mothers, two cities:

3. Hagar represents the _____
4. Sarah represents the _____

Practical application. [28-31]

1. Who is your _____? Hagar or Sarah?
2. We're to _____
3. We must _____

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. What story did your parents tell you about your birth?

Digging Deeper:

Read Galatians 4:21-31

1. What do you remember about the story in Genesis of Hagar and Sarah and their sons—Ishmael and Isaac [Gen 16, 17, 21]? What was extraordinary about Isaac's birth?
2. Normally, the Jews would regard Sarah as their spiritual mother and Hagar as the spiritual mother of the Gentiles. Why does Paul turn the tables and indicate that the Jews are actually the ones in slavery with Hagar [25]?
3. In what sense does the gospel bring freedom from slavery? What does it mean to live as a child in a relationship not enslaved by religion?

4. What might it look like to rely on the law for salvation? How is this contrary to the gospel?

5. If God still expects His people to obey, how is a relationship with Him different from being a slave to religion?

Taking it Home:

1. Are you living like a “child of the free woman”—liberated from the bondage of trying to win God's approval? How can you live out your freedom in Christ and still please Him with your sacrificial obedience?

Prayer Concerns: