

The Letter to the Galatians: Chapter 4

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(1 – 5) Describe the illustration that Paul provided in this passage (referencing heirs and slaves). How did Paul use this illustration to explain the transition from the Old Law to the New Covenant? How did Paul describe the role of Christ in that transition?

(John 1: 10 – 13; 1 Peter 2: 1 – 3)

(6 – 7) How did Paul describe our relationship with Christ? As we are described as sons and daughters of God the Father, what are the key characteristics of that relationship? How did Paul employ the contrast between sons and slaves to illustrate his point about our relationship with God? *(Mark 14: 35 – 36; Romans 8: 15 – 17)*

(8 – 11) What point did Paul make regarding his audience's past priorities and religious perspectives? How did Paul react to their desire to return to their past practices? Describe Paul's reference to knowing God, and being known by God. Which of the two would you consider to be more important? *(Matthew 7: 21 – 23; Hebrews 5: 12 – 14)*

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(12 – 16) Describe the situation that Paul articulates in this passage. Whatever infirmity that Paul had, how did the Galatians respond to him? What did Paul indicate about the relationship that he had with the Galatians, and what can we learn from his observations?
(Philippians 3: 17 – 18; 2 Corinthians 12: 7 – 10)

(17 – 20) To whom did Paul refer in verse 17, and what was their objective? What did Paul teach about the potential risks and benefits of zeal? What was the basis of Paul's concern for the Galatians?
(Galatians 1: 14; Romans 10: 1 – 4)

(21 – 27) How did Paul's comparison of the birth of Abraham's two sons (Ishmael and Isaac) contribute to his comparison of the Old Law with the New Covenant? How did Paul equate Hagar and Ishmael to the Old Law, while equating Sarah and Isaac to the New Covenant?
(Genesis 17: 15 – 21; Isaiah 54: 1)

(28 – 31) In equating his audience with Isaac, what point did Paul make by referring to Christians as "children of promise"? What additional parallels did Paul make regarding the relationship between Isaac and Ishmael, and our relationship with God under the New Covenant? What point did Paul make about responding to persecution, and how can we apply that lesson? *(Genesis 21: 9 – 10)*