

## Appeal Three: Listen to What the Law Really Says

### Galatians 04:21–31

**1** *Hearing the law is absolutely essential for the legalist or religionist*

**2** *Legalism emphasizes the difference between Abraham's two sons*

- a. One was born a slave
- b. One was born free
- c. The first was born naturally — by man's efforts
- d. The second was born by the promise of God

**3** *Legalism emphasizes the difference between two covenants, two mothers*

- a. Hagar: A type of the law
  - 1) It enslaves
  - 2) It represents the very centre of legal religion — Mount Sinai and Jerusalem
- b. Sarah: A type of grace
  - 1) It represents heavenly, spiritual Jerusalem
  - 2) It sets men free
  - 3) It results in joy and far more children

21 Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says?

22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman.

23 His son by the slave woman was born in the ordinary way; but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a promise.

24 These things may be taken figuratively, for the women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar.

25 Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children.

26 But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother.

27 For it is written: "Be glad, O barren woman, who bears no children; break forth and cry aloud, you who have no labour pains; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband."

<p>c. The point: Believers are children of promise</p> <p><b>4</b> <i>Legalism persecutes and enslaves believers</i></p> <p><b>5</b> <i>Legalism is to be cast out — have no inheritance</i></p> <p><b>6</b> <i>Legalism has no claim upon the children of grace</i></p>	<p>28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.</p> <p>29 At that time the son born in the ordinary way persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now.</p> <p>30 But what does the Scripture say? “Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman’s son.”</p> <p>31 Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.</p>
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