



***A Lesson from the Law***

PASTOR ZAC HESS • GALATIANS 4:21–5:1

***FREEDOM  
IN THE GOSPEL***

*Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law?*

Galatians 4:21

*For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman.*

Galatians 4:22



*But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh,  
while the son of the free woman was born through promise.*

Galatians 4:23

*Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar.*

Galatians 4:24

*Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.*

Galatians 4:25



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

Galatians 4:26

*For it is written, “Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband.”*

Galatians 4:27



*Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.*

Galatians 4:28

*But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now.*

Galatians 4:29

*But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.”*

Galatians 4:30



*So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.*

Galatians 4:31

*For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore,  
and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*

Galatians 5:1

**Listen to the law: The law  
cannot save. (4:21)**





A person in a blue shirt is walking away from the camera in a field at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and grey, with some clouds. The person's shadow is cast on the ground.

**Learn from the law: The Old Testament illustrates the point. (4:22-31)**

**Link up with Jesus: Christ  
has set us free. (5:1)**



**Stand firm in the Gospel  
and submit only to Jesus.**

