

Galatians 4 • The Law & Grace, Part 2

Learned from the Study from Galatians 3:

1. (3:1-5) The **personal** argument: The proof of salvation by grace and not the Law is proved by the **personal** salvation **experience** itself.
2. (3:6-14) The **scriptural** argument: No one has ever been **saved** by doing the Law because no one can fully **obey** the Law as proven by the **Old Testament** itself.
3. (3:15-18) The **logical** argument: The **Mosaic Law** cannot cancel out God's covenant with Abraham. **Promise** and faith go together, never **promise** and the Law.

This Week's Study:

4. (4:1-11) The **dispensational** argument: The Jews were in a kind of **spiritual childhood** under the Law which, having run its course, prepared the way for Christ to **set us free**.
5. (4:12-18) The **sentimental** argument: Paul addressed them as a **father** concerned for his spiritual **children** to not allow false teaching to dissolve their personal **relationship**.
6. (4:19-31) The **allegorical** (or **midrashic**) argument: God promised Abraham a son long before Ishmael was born. Ishmael, like the Law, was **added later** and never intended as God's final plan for Israel. Ishmael and Hagar were cast out as a teaching that **law** and grace, **faith** and works, **promise** and commandment can never live together in the same household.