



# THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

## *The Truth About The Gospel*

*The Dangers of Legalism, Liberalism, & Literalism*

### Lesson #4 = *The Promises of the Gospel* (Galatians 4)

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Introduction: The book of Galatians presents an effective case for the gospel of Christ. It challenges the basic principles of legalism, yet also reveals the dangers of liberalism and literalism. Paul shows the necessity of balance and understanding within the Christian community. In the kingdom of God there is room for legalism, liberalism, and literalism... but it can be dangerous if one group dominates the thoughts and/or vision of the church family. Everyone matures at a different rate. Not everyone sees things exactly as another. What Paul advocates, in this letter, is that God loves us ALL the same. Instead of focusing on all of our differences, we need to find our common identity in Christ. In this fourth chapter Paul reveals some of the fears facing the church and explains the purpose of the two covenants. God wants us to know that He always keeps His promises! Let's study together.....

#### Discussion:

#### ***I. Promised To Find The Heavenly Way (4:1-7)***

- A. The Benefits of Freedom (vs.1-5)
- B. The Burden of Freedom (vs.6-7)

#### ***II. Promised To Have The Heavenly Way (4:8-11)***

- A. Dealing With The Past (vs.8-9)
- B. Dealing With The Present (vs.10-11)

#### ***III. Promised To Know The Heavenly Way (4:12-20)***

- A. Paul Loved For The Church (vs.12-16)
- B. False Teachers Love The Power Over The Church (vs.17-20)

#### ***IV. Promised To See The Heavenly Way (4:21-31)***

- A. The Bondwoman: Hagar's Story (vs.21-31)
- B. The Freewoman: Sarah's Story (vs.21-31)

Conclusion: We are more than half-way through our study. We know that the gospel is a message of grace, order, salvation and promises. We know that God sees us all as equal. Now we see the plan of the gospel is to reveal the promises God has kept since the fall of man! How often do you count your blessings? Why do we hesitate to praise God for all of our blessings? He has kept His end of the bargain. What should we do next? What are you going to do with the gospel? Will you share it? Will you obey it? Will you be saved by it? Will you praise God for all He has done?



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