

**06 October 2024 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group**  
**“The Law Teaches Faith Alone in God’s Promise” -- Galatians 4:21-31**

Questions to Answer from the Text:

1. From what general category of Scripture does Paul make his argument (v. 21)?
2. Where specifically in Scripture does Paul base the analogy he draws?
3. What type of people does Paul use in his analogy (v. 22)?
4. What were the conditions of the women Paul uses in his analogy (v. 22)?
5. What were the conditions of the sons born to these two women (v. 23)?
6. What do the woman in Paul’s analogy represent (vv. 24-26)?
7. What kind of children does the present Jerusalem produce (vv. 24-25)?
8. What kind of children does the Jerusalem above produce (v. 26)?
9. Which mother is more fruitful (v. 27)?
10. In the analogy, the Galatians are like whom (v. 28)?
11. What is the tendency of the children who are born according to the flesh (v. 29)?
12. What is the Scriptural remedy when those born according to the flesh act this way? Why (v. 30)?
13. The Galatian Christians are children of which mother (v. 31)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

14. When one part of Scripture seems obscure or difficult to understand, what should we do (see WCF 1.7, 9)?
15. How many meanings does any passage of Scripture have (WCF 1.9)?
16. Was the Mosaic Covenant a covenant of works? Why or why not?
17. If the Mosaic Covenant produces children for slavery, how can it possibly be a gracious covenant?
18. If the Mosaic Covenant is a completely different kind of covenant from the Abrahamic (i.e. works vs. grace), what does this necessarily imply about God’s relationship with Israel?
19. If the Mosaic Covenant is a form of the Covenant of Grace, as is the Abrahamic Covenant, what does this necessarily imply about the place and status of children in the New Covenant?
20. Does the command to cast out the slave woman and her son (v. 30) mean that the New Covenant Church is now a perfectly regenerated Church that is unmixed with any unbelievers? Why or why not?
21. How successful do you expect the Gospel to be before Christ returns the second time?
22. When things in the world appear to demonstrate that evil and wickedness have the upper hand, how should you respond in light of Galatians 4:27 and Isaiah 54:1?
23. How can suffering and persecution result in Gospel success?
24. What do you think of most when you reflect on the word “freedom”?