

Bondwoman vs. Freewoman

Galatians is a book about spiritual _____. A book teaching us how to walk in that freedom and how to avoid being put back in _____.

You would think being religious and wanting to be a good moral person would be enough to be free in your heart, and the attempt alone, at being good, would be enough to satisfy God. But it is not, He wants something better for you.

God wants more than _____ to a set of moral standards you check off of a list. He wants a _____ as a Father to a son or daughter.

He wants more for us than gaining knowledge of him; He wants us to have _____ of Him in daily adventures.

Background of today's text:

Genesis 15:1-6 16:1-6 17:17-19 18:11-15

(it may be Abraham and Sarah had a little bit of legalism in them, as we do)

Question: Why did God have to tell them so many times?

Question: Why does He have to tell you so many times?

Today's Text: Galatians 4:21-31

Paul uses an allegory (an extended parable) to illustrate a solid, well established teaching of the New Testament. Your imagination and ingenuity are poor substitutes for apostolic authority, so don't make up your own allegories to illustrate scripture. That can be dangerous!

Bondwoman is Hagar; she represents the _____, the covenant give at Mt. Sinai, in its negative connotations.

She had a son only of a _____ from Abraham. She represents the bondage of the law as the current residents of Jerusalem (and Judaism in general) were in bondage to trying to be right with God by law observance. Ishmael is the son of bondage.

Freewoman is Sarah; she represents _____. She has a son who is the son of a _____ received by faith in God; Isaac. As we accept what Christ has done for us to save us by receiving it as a free gift we come into a relationship with God. We become the true children of God just as Isaac is a true son of the Promise.

Answer key: freedom/bondage/outward conformity/love relationship/experiential
knowledge/law/physical descent/grace/promise