

DEFINITIONS

Use a Greek dictionary to define the following word.

- **Symbolic** (4:24).

DO YOU NOT HEAR THE LAW?

Paul in 4:21 speaks to those who desire to be under the law.

- Why would he ask such a question?
- Many in Scripture staked a strong claim in the Law, but either ignored or did not listen to its teachings (Matt. 9:13; Luke 24:25; John 5:38-40,45-47; Rom. 2:17-42; 1 Tim. 1:7).
- What are some lessons for us to draw from the above verses? You can go a number of directions with this!

Galatians 4:21–31

Two Covenants: The Sons of Hagar and Sarah

You will be greatly benefited by refreshing your memory of the story of Hagar and Sarah, by reading Genesis 16,17, and 21.

- 1) Use the chart below as a guide as you read through 4:21-31.
 - a) How are Christians like Isaac?
 - b) How are Jews like Ishmael?
- 2) What is the purpose behind this analogy of the children of Hagar and Sarah?
- 3) Read and study Romans 9:1-13. How does this passage support and supplement the teaching of Paul here in Gal. 4:21-31?
- 4) When Paul says the “bondwoman and her son” were to be cast out, to whom was he referring (Mt. 3:7-10; 8:11,12; 21:43; Jn. 8:33-39; Acts 13:42-48)?

Two Covenants Compared: Judaism vs. Christianity

Ishmael, son of the bondwoman, Hagar	Isaac, son of the freewoman, Sarah
According to the flesh	According to the promise, Spirit
Covenant of Mt. Sinai	Covenant with Christ
Bondage	Free
Jerusalem on earth	Jerusalem above
Persecutors	Persecuted
Cast Out, No Inheritance	Heirs, Children of Promise