

CBC BIBLE STUDY—JANUARY 31, 2024

Galatians—Freedom in Christ

NO ONE LIKES LIVING IN BONDAGE!!!

Romans 8:26-27 NLT

”And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don’t know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God’s own will.“

“Prayers themselves do not set us free. They are a guide for seeking the Lord who can and will SET YOU FREE if you respond appropriately by faith and repentance.”

WHEN WE RESPOND TO GOD PROPERLY, HE THEN ACTS ON OUR BEHALF!

2Chronicles 16:9 NLT

”For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.”“

GALATIANS 4

4:1-3 NLT

”Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had. They have to obey their guardians until they reach whatever age their father set. And that’s the way it was with us before Christ came. We were like children; we were slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world.“

Galatians 4:1-3 NLT

A. Like underage heirs to a large estate

B. Before Christ came, we were like children with guardians and trustees we have to obey—until Christ came. **WE WERE UNDER GUARDIANSHIP OF THE LAW!**

Galatians 4:4-7 NLT

”But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “Abba, Father.” Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.“

Christ—fully human—born of a woman

Christ—subject to the law—fulfilled the law

Result: no longer slaves/bound but now freedom has come (Jesus paid the cost)

FREEDOM IN CHRIST

GRACE VS THE LAW—Galatian believers, under pressure from Jewish legalists,

were thinking of giving up the gospel of grace and going back to the Law in

seeking salvation. The Apostle Paul writes to outline the great differences

between these two approaches to God:

Grace is based on faith—the Law was based on works

Grace justifies sinful men—the Law is incapable of justification

Grace begins and ends with Christ—the Law makes Christ nothing

Grace is the way of the Spirit—the Law is the way of the flesh

Grace is a blessing—the Law is a curse

Grace results in intimacy with Christ—the Law offers estrangement from Christ.

Grace makes one a son/heir of Christ—the Law makes one a slave

Grace brings liberty—the Law results in bondage

Grace is motivated by love—the Law is motivated by pride

Grace centers on the Cross of Christ—the Law centers on
circumcision

TWO COVENANTS

Abraham—the Father of Faith (Abraham believed God and it was
accounted unto him as righteousness—James 2:23)

Hagar and Ishmael—from Mt. Sinai—gives birth to bondage—born
according to the flesh

Sarah and Isaac—free woman through promise””

We are CHILDREN OF THE FREE!!!