

Galatians Study

Gospel-centered ministry (4:21-31)

Lesson 7: June 30, 2010

1. (vs 21) What does it mean to want to be “under the law?” (Compare with 4:4-5, and 5:16-20)

Four types of people in the world:

- A. Law obeying, Law relying
 - B. Law-disobeying, Law relying
 - C. Law disobeying, Not Law relying
 - D. Law obeying, Not Law relying
2. Why do you think Paul can say that those under the law don't really listen to what the law says?
 3. Read the story behind his passage in Genesis 16:1-4; 18:10-14; 21:1-10. What are the differences in the births of these two sons (v23)?

4. What does Paul say each birth mother represents (24-26)? Why?

5. The people of Jerusalem would regard Sarah as their mother and Hagar as the mother of the Gentiles. Why does Paul reverse things? How does this bolster his argument in 3:7 and 4:7-9?

6. Read verse 27. What does Paul imply by quoting Isaiah 54:1? How does Sarah serve as an encouraging picture to all who consider themselves to have failed or have been disappointed?

7. Why do religious people need the gospel? Why do irreligious people need the gospel? Why do religious people persecute the gospel-bearers?