

Sermon Notes

Galatians: Free

Galatians 4:21-5:1 (page 974)

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The terror of freedom & the security of slavery

4:21 ‘So you like the law, eh? I’ll give you the law...’

4:22-31 In Christ, you are Children of the Promise

A Tale of Two Cities... & Two Covenants, Two Mountains, Two Women and Two Sons...

- 22 Son of the slave woman *vs son of the free woman*
- 23 Born ‘as a result of human effort’ *vs born according to promise*
- 24-25 Hagar is the Old Covenant, bearing children for slavery – like the present Jerusalem, in slavery with its children... *vs*
- 26-29 *The heavenly Jerusalem, our mother, once barren but now rejoicing, so you are **children of the promise***
- 30 The children of slavery don’t inherit, so reject them
[i.e. their false teaching]
- 31 *You are children of the free woman not the slave*

5:1 Don’t choose slavery

The joy of freedom & the security of sonship

Taking the truth deeper

Where are we tempted to seek a security based on our own works?

Where are we tempted to think that we would be freer without Jesus?

How should knowing the truth that we are free, fully accepted, completely secure children of the promise, liberate us from both of these temptations?