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Topic: Studies in Galatians: Bond or Free?  
Text: Galatians 4:22-31

1. This freedom is by promise (v22-23). Note that whatsoever events Paul mentioned were used as an analogy. Abraham took the matter into his own hands, and there was no blessing through Ishmael, born of Hagar. Sarah gave birth to Isaac, who is blessed, as the Lord promised. True religion is not by legalistic obedience. Freedom comes by resting in the Lord's promise and nothing else.
  
2. With freedom, we can genuinely rejoice (v24-27). The covenant given at Mount Sinai is the Mosaic covenant. The Jews interpreted it in a legalistic fashion, thinking that this would buy their place in heaven. This is the state that the Judaizers were in. Our joy in life is Jesus. We need no one else but Jesus.
  
3. Freedom has nothing to do with legalism (v28-31). The persecutors of the Galatian Christians were the Judaizers. They taught them false teachings. Those who are born of the Spirit will be attacked. We must separate, for we are free!

*Glorious freedom! Wonderful freedom! No more in chains of sin I repine! Jesus, the glorious mighty Redeemer! Now and forever, Jesus is mine.*