

"Born Free" Through the Promise Galatians 4:19-23

Freedom found in the:

I. Person – "until Christ" (v. 19)

He provides:

- A. Salvation "I travail in birth again"
- B. Standing "my little children"
- C. Sanctification "Christ is formed in you"
- II. Pentateuch "do ye not hear the law" (vs. 20-22)

 It proclaims God's:
 - A. Provision "for I stand in doubt of you"
 - **B.** Perfection "ye that desire to be under the law"
 - C. Promise "Abraham had two sons"
- III. Progeny "that you might affect them" (vs. 22-23)

 Believers possess the:
 - A. Fabulous "of the bondwoman...after the flesh"
 - **B. Freedom** "he of the free woman"
 - C. Faith "of the free woman by promise"

Sentence Sermon:

"The Christian faith is a belief in God's miraculous works that provide us with salvation and sanctification."

Additional Verses

- > Romans 4:16-25
- II Corinthians 4:10
- Galatians 2:20
- > II Corinthians 5:17
- Genesis 21:8-11
- Genesis 3:15

The Life of Abraham (An Overview)

Genesis 12:1-9	75 years old Call of Abraham
Genesis 16:1-3	85 years old Takes Hagar as wife
Genesis 16:4-16	86 years old Hagar has Ishmael
Genesis 17:1-17	99 years old God reassures Abraham
Genesis 21:1-7	100 years old Isaac is Born
Genesis 21:8-14	103 years old Ishmael mocks Isaac

Questions to Ponder:

- 1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
- 2. Who is the central character of the passage?
- 3. How would you describe Paul's mood in verses 19-20?
- 4. Is he doubting their salvation? What is your evidence?
- 5. What in the "Law" does Paul want them to "hear?"
- 6. In what sense does the gospel free us from slavery?
- 7. Why doesn't following the law produce sanctification?
- 8. How does Isaac's miracle birth picture our salvation?
- 9. How would you explain what the two moms and sons represent?
- 10. In what ways do you demonstrate passion for spiritual growth of others? What can we do as a church to foster it?