



**KINGDOM**  
**— SCHOOL —**  
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**Noah - Rainbow:** A sign of hope and a new beginning for those saved in the ark; the rest perished in the waters.

**In Christ, we are saved from the waters (symbolizing baptism), leaving behind the old life and embracing hope for eternal life.**

**Abraham - Circumcision:** The cutting of the foreskin as a sign of the covenant, not to be cut off, but inherited through Abraham.

**In Christ, we have circumcision of the heart and will inherit as children of Abraham.**

**Moses - Stone Tablets:** Keep my laws; be God's treasured possession, a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.

**In Christ, God has written His laws on our hearts so we can be God's treasured possession, a kingdom of priests..**





## 1 Timothy 1:8-11

8 We know that the law is good **if it is used properly.**

9 We also know that the law **isn't made for godly people. It is made for those who break the law.** It is for those who refuse to obey. It is for ungodly and sinful people.....



## Matthew 5:17-20

**17** "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to **fulfill them**.

**18** For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until **everything is accomplished**.

**19** Therefore anyone who **sets aside** one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

**20** For I tell you that **unless your righteousness surpasses** that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.



## Matthew 5:20-32

**21** "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'

**22** But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.

**27** "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

**28** But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

**31** "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.'

**32** But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.



## Matthew 19:6-8

- 6** So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."
- 7** "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"
- 8** Jesus replied, "**Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard.** But it was not this way from the beginning.



## Colossians 2:20-21

**20** Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules:

**21** **"Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"?**

**22** These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings.

## LESSON 6

# **Sarah and Hagar** **FREEDOM FROM SIN**



## Galatians 3:26-29

**26** So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,

**27** for all of you who were **baptized into Christ** have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**28** There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

**29** If you **belong to Christ**, then you are **Abraham's seed**, and **heirs according to the promise**.



## Genesis 16:1-2

**1** Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named **Hagar**;

**2** so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said.



## Genesis 16:3-4

**3** So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife.

**4** He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress.....

*(Read the story yourself... )*



## Genesis 17:15-18

**15** God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah.

**16** I will bless her and will surely **give you a son by her**. I will bless her so that **she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.**"

**17** Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?"

**18** And Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!"



## Genesis 17:19-21

**19** Then God said, "Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him **Isaac**. **I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.**

**20** And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the **father of twelve rulers**, and I will make him into a great nation.

**21** **But my covenant I will establish with Isaac**, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year."

# Genesis 21 - Isaac's Birth





## Genesis 21:1-5

- 1 "And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken."
- 2 "For **Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son** in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him."
- 3 "And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac."
- 4 "And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him."
- 5 "And Abraham was an hundred years old when his son Isaac was born unto him."



## Genesis 21:8-10

**8** "And the child grew and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned."

**9** "And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had borne unto Abraham, mocking."

**10** "Wherefore she said unto Abraham, **Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.**"

**Abraham – Hagar – Ishmael**

**Abraham – Sarah – Isaac**



## The descendants of Ishmael - Arab people

In Islamic tradition, **Ishmael** is often viewed as an ancestor of the Prophet Muhammad, which further links him to many Arab tribes.





## Genesis 16:12 17:20-21

**12** He will be a **wild donkey** of a man; **his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him**, and he will **live in hostility toward all his brothers.**"

**20** And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will **greatly increase his numbers**. He will be the **father of twelve rulers**, and I will make him into a great nation.

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**The Bible explains the world we are all living in, from creation to this present age and into the age to come—when Jesus will return to bring salvation to those who await Him and establish the Kingdom of God here on earth. Your kingdom come.**

**From there, we look forward to the new heaven and earth and the restoration of Eden, all as described in the Bible: our past, present, and future**

**Throughout the Bible, there are two roads: one that leads to death and one that leads to life.**

**Which one are you walking?**



**Abraham:  
Two Wives  
Two Sons  
Two Peoples  
Two Roads  
Two Covenants**

**Islam (Not God's People - Religion - Of This World)**

**Israel (God's People - Relationship - Called Out)**





## Galatians 4:21-24

**21** Tell me, **you who want to be under the law**, are you not aware of what the law says?

**22** For it is written that **Abraham had two sons**, one by the **slave woman** and the other by the **free woman**.

**23** His son by the slave woman was born **according to the flesh**, but his son by the free woman was born as the **result of a divine promise**.

**24** These things are being taken figuratively: **The women represent two covenants**. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar.



## Galatians 4:25-28

**25** Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and **corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem**, because she is in slavery with her children.

**26** But the **Jerusalem that is above is free**, and she is our mother.

**27** For it is written: "Be glad, barren woman, you who never bore a child; shout for joy and cry aloud, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband."

**28** Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, **are children of promise.**

**Abraham had two sons, represent two covenants.**

**Hagar – Sarah**

**Slave woman - Free woman.**

**According to the flesh - Result of a divine promise.**

**Mount Sinai - Mount Zion**

**Slave – FREE**





## Galatians 4:29-31

**29** At that time the son **born according to the flesh** persecuted the son **born by the power of the Spirit**. *It is the same now.*

**30** But what does Scripture say? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the **slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son.**"

**31** Therefore, brothers and sisters, **we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.**

## Two Covenants:

- One: Slave; **one: free**

- One: Mount Sinai (Earthly); **one: Zion (Heaven)**

- One: Jerusalem; **one: Heavenly Jerusalem**

- One: Born in the flesh; **one: born by the power of the Holy Spirit**

- One will not share in the inheritance; **one will.**

- One is not a child of God; **one is...**





## Galatians 5:1-4

- 1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.** Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened **again** by a yoke of slavery.
- 2** Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all.
- 3** Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law.
- 4** You who are trying to be **justified by the law** have been alienated from Christ; you have **fallen away from grace**.



## John 1:16-17

**16** "And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace."

**17** "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."



## Titus 2:11-14

- 11** For the **grace of God** has appeared that offers salvation to all people.
- 12** **It teaches us** to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in **this present age,**
- 13** **while we wait for the blessed hope**—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,
- 14** who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to **purify for himself a people** that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

**Law through Moses**  
**Grace and truth through Christ**





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## Galatians 4:1-4

- 1 "What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate."
- 2 **"The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father."**
- 3 "So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world."
- 4 "But when the **set time** had fully come, **God sent his Son**, born of a woman, born under the law."



## Galatians 4:5-7

**5** "To redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship."

**6** "**Because you are his sons**, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.'"

**7** "**So you are no longer a slave, but God's child**; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir."

**We were locked up under the law (slave) until  
Christ set us free from the law (no longer a slave).  
We needed a guardian until Christ.  
He set us free from the law, so we are no longer  
slaves but children.**



## **If you are born again:**

You are no longer a slave (under the law, in need of guardians and trustees), but God's child. You are now a SON, and therefore an heir of God through Christ.

The law is a guardian UNTIL a set time. When the set time had fully come, the FATHER sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law (YOU AND I), so that we might receive adoption to sonship.





## 1 Corinthians 9:19-21

**19** "Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible."

**20** "To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (**though I myself am not under the law**), so as to win those under the law."

**21** "To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (**though I am not without law to God, but under Christ's law**), so as to win those not having the law."

**Christ came to purify a people for Himself. The law was in effect until Christ came, as we needed guardians. But now that we are in Christ, we are adopted as sons. He proved this by removing our stone hearts, giving us His Spirit, and writing the law on our hearts. Now, we no longer need guardians, as we have the Spirit and can walk by the Spirit, with the law of Christ written in our hearts, free from sin.**

**The Truth Will Set You Free**





## John 8:31-34

**31** Jesus spoke to the Jews who had believed him. **"If you obey my teaching,"** he said, "you are really my disciples.

**32** Then you will know the truth. And the truth will set you free."

**33** They answered him, **"We are Abraham's children.** We have never been slaves of anyone. So how can you say that we will be set free?"

**34** Jesus replied, "What I'm about to tell you is true. **Everyone who sins is a slave of sin.**



## John 8:35-36

**35 A slave has no lasting place in the family(Ishmael). But a son (Isaac) belongs to the family forever.**

**36** So if the Son of Man sets you free, you will really be free.

## Child of Abraham?

**We are counting from Sarah, not Hagar.**

**Hagar - Sarah**

**(not an heir) - Son (heir)**

**Slave (to sin) - Free (from sin)**

**Will not remain forever - Remains in the house forever**



**Time for a break!**



**Dead to Sin, Alive to God**





## Romans 6:1-2

**1** "What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that **grace** may increase?"

**2** "By no means! We are those who have **died to sin**; how can we live in it any longer?"



## Romans 6:3-5

**3** "Or don't you know that all of us who were **baptized into Christ Jesus** were **baptized into his death**?"

**4** "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **we too may live a new life.**"

**5** "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his."



## Romans 6:6-10

- 6** "For we know that our old self was crucified with him **so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with**, that we should **no longer be slaves to sin—**"
- 7** "Because anyone who has died has been **set free from sin.**"
- 8** "Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him."
- 9** "For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; **death no longer has mastery over him.**"
- 10** "The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God."



## Romans 6:11-14

**11** "In the same way, count yourselves **dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.**"

**12** "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires."

**13** "Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness."

**14** "For **sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law but under grace.**"

**UNDER LAW... SLAVE... SIN MASTER**

**UNDER GRACE... FREE... SIN NOT MASTER**





## Romans 6:15-16

**15** "What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!"

**16** "Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—**whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?**"



## Romans 6:17-19

**17** "But thanks be to God that, though you **used to be slaves to sin**, you have come to obey from your heart the teachings you were given!

**18** "You have been set free from **sin** and have become slaves to **righteousness.**"

**19** "I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as **slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness**, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness."



## Romans 6:20-23

**20** "When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness."

**21** "What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things **result in death!**"

**22** "But now that you have been **set free from sin** and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap **leads to holiness**, and **the result is eternal life.**"

**23** "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

## Two roads...

**One - slave to sin**, leads to impurity and the result is death

**One - free from sin**, leads to Holiness and the result is eternal life



**The one who sins becomes a slave to sin. We were, in this world, slaves to sin, held captive under the law. But in baptism, we died and are now free from the law and the sin that once held us bound. We are now free to walk in a new life— free to marry someone else.**





## Romans 7:1-3

**1** "Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that **the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives?**"

**2** "For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, **she is released from the law that binds her to him.**"

**3** "So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. **But if her husband dies**, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man."



## Romans 7:4-6

**4** "So, my brothers and sisters, **you also died to the law through the body of Christ**, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God."

**5** "For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death."

**6** "But now, by dying to **what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.**"



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## Romans 7:14-17

**14** "We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, **sold as a slave to sin.**"

**15** "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do."

**16** "And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good."

**17** "As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me."

# LIFE IN THE SPIRIT





## Romans 8:1-3

**1** "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

**2** "Because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life **has set you free from the law of sin and death.**"

**3** "For what **the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh**, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh."



## Romans 8:4-5

**4 "In order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."**

**5 "Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires."**

**The righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”...**



**Where are you? You need to be fully born again.**

- True repentance
- True baptism
- True baptism with the Holy Spirit

There are two covenants here.... Two roads....



## Hagar – Ishmael:

- 
- Slave – the flesh
  - Old Covenant – Law of Moses
    - Writing on stone tablets
    - Mount Sinai (Earth)
    - Present Jerusalem
    - Born naturally
  - Children by the will of man
    - Will not inherit
    - Law

## Sarah – Isaac:

- 
- **Free – divine promise**
  - **New Covenant – law of Christ**
    - **Writing on the hearts**
    - **Mount Zion (Heaven)**
    - **Heavenly (future) Jerusalem**
    - **Born spiritually**
  - **Children of the promise of God**
    - **Will inherit**
    - **Grace and truth**



## Hagar – Ishmael:

## Sarah – Isaac:

- Righteousness by keeping the law
  - Not God's children
- A guardian until the time of Christ
  - Brings condemnation
  - Walking by the flesh
    - Will die

- **Righteousness fulfilled in Christ**
  - **God's children**
- **An eternal covenant**
  - **No condemnation**
  - **Walking by the Spirit**
    - **Will live forever**



**The law is a guardian/trustee until the set time when God sent His Son. Now we are not under the law of Moses, written on stone, but under the law of Christ, written by His Spirit on our hearts.**

**You need to choose...**

**You cannot be both; you are one or the other.**



## Conclusion:

The story of Sarah and Hagar illustrates the two covenants and the difference between living under the law (the natural) and living in the promise of grace through faith in Christ.

These two paths run throughout the Bible: two roads—one that leads to death and one that leads to life.

- Those who rely on their own efforts and the law (like Ishmael, born of the flesh—Islam and all other religions) will not inherit the promises of God.



- Those who believe in Christ and are **born of the Spirit** (like Isaac, the child of promise) are the true heirs.

However, it is **very important** to understand what true repentance and baptism are, and what it means to live according to the Spirit.

Many believe they walk on the narrow road but do not.



