

6. What was Paul trying to tell the Galatians about what to do with the false Jewish teachers in their midst in Gal 4:30. Why such harsh treatment? How do we apply it to our church?

7. Reflection question. In what aspects have you imposed certain works, behaviors, or practices (attending physically instead of online, fasting, baptism, serving in church, OT practices, etc) as requirements for salvation? (this doesn't mean we ignore people who are not producing the fruit of the Holy Spirit as we might be concerned for their growth but to reflect if we have verbally or mentally imposed certain things we need to do to guarantee our salvation)

Takeaway

Galatians 4:21-31 uses the allegorical interpretation of Abraham's two sons—Isaac and Ishmael where Ishmael (son of Hagar, the slave) represents human effort and reliance on the law, leading to slavery whereas Isaac (son of Sarah, the free woman) symbolizes faith in God's promise, leading to freedom. Believers are urged to trust in God's grace and live as adopted children of the heavenly Jerusalem, embracing freedom in Christ rather than returning to the slavery of the law.