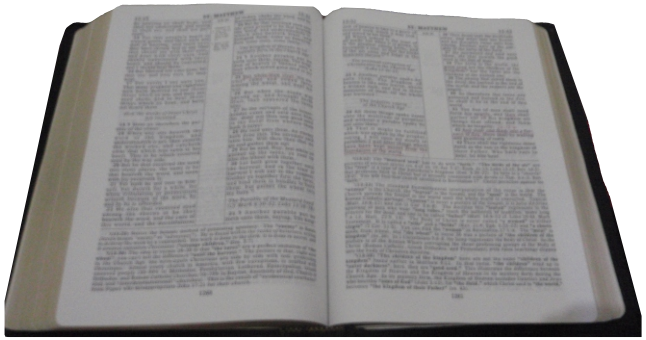
Bible Believers Commentary



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Galatians

Chapter 4

The entrance of thy word giveth light...
Ps. 119:136

4:1- Wealthy home and servant.

- Even though he is young he is still their heir.

- Paul isn't writing how to get saved but how to stay saved. By faith.

- Gal. 3:11 - The just shall live by faith

4:2- **Tutor –** Private Instructor

Governor – Regulate the home

father – small " f " – Earthly father

Bible – In the bible the father is in charge of his families schooling not the church or state.

Legalism – is going back under the Law.

- It's spiritual infancy, a 2nd child hood

- Gal. 3:24 - When your saved and go back under the law your going back to kindergarten.

4:2- The law is a guardian like a tutor or gonernor that brings you to Jesus Christ.

- You know why people like being under the law?

- They like to measure the external results and have people judge them and see their outward standards.

- This way they can judge others and see if they are keeping these outward standards — Spiritual Pharisees

- Gal. 3:12 - The law is sight not faith – it's doing

4:3- Being under the law is like a child in bondage to the elements of the world.

- We are no longer children- were grown up

4:4- Why did God do this?

- 4:5- <u>To Redeem them</u>

4:4- **Made of a woman**

- Isa. 7:14

Fullness of time

- Christ came at the exact moment he was supposed to

- His 2nd coming will be the same.

4:5- **Redeem –** To set free
To buy back

Adoption – Adoption has stronger laws than your own children.

- A child adopted into a family is safer than a child born into a family. He has more legal rights

4:6- **Are sons**

- Not will be - If your saved you are a son of God.

- Jh. 1:12

- 1Jh. 3:1-2

Because ye are sons-

- God put his Holy Spirit in your heart.

4:6- **Crying** Abba Father

- The Holy Spirit in you wants you to pray to God.

- God knew what we needed.

Abba - Father , Dad, Daddy

- Mk. 14:34-46 - Jesus prayed

- We can pray the same way Jesus did.

- We have access to God the Father as Jesus did.

- Heb. 4:16

4:6- We get the Holy Spirit the moment were saved.

- Gal. 3:14-

- Eph. 1:13-

- Rom. 8:9-

- You can not be saved and not have the Holy Spirit.

4:7- **Thou art no more a servant but a son**

- Servant – has to work

- Son – Born into the family

- Son – Has the same nature as the father

- Servant – does not

- 2Pet. 1:4- We have our Fathers nature - Divine nature

- Ishmael & Isaac were both circumcized -

- But one was of a bondmaid and the other free

- Abraham gave up Ishmael so Isaac can have liberty.

- There was striff in the home

- You want the striff to leave your home- then kick out Ishmael.

- Gen. 21:9 - Mocking

- God gave up his son so we could have liberty.

- Jh. 8:36 - If the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

- Abraham never saw Hagar again.

- Son - Has a Father
- Servant Master

    - A servant can't call his master father.

- Son - Obeys out of Love
- Servant- obeys out of fear

    - Law - can never produce obedience

    - Jh. 14:15- If ye love me keep my commandments

- Son - Rich
- Servant - Poor

- Son has riches

    - Ph. 4:19- in glory

    - Eph. 2:7- Grace

    - Rom. 2:4 - Goodness

- Son - Has a future
- Servant - does not

4:8- **When ye not God**

- Not everybody is saved

- God is not in everybody

- People don't know God until they are born again

- Some people don't think they have ever been lost

4:8- **ye did service** – Works

- Lost people are working to get to heaven and are doing service to them that are not god.

- 1Cor. 10:20

- Worshiping idols is worshiping devils

4:9- **But now**

- After your saved you know God
  More importantly God knows you.

- Why turn back and go back under the law and be in bondage.

- After going to college why do you want to go back to grade school.

- Gal. 3:25

Weak and beggarly

- The law is weak and beggarly- you begging

- I hope I go to heaven

- I hope I don't go to Hell

- Worrying about everything

- It's like Israel having everything and wanting to go back to Egypt under bondage.

- Deu. 29:5

- Deu. 8:4

4:29- Even so it is Now

- Rom. 7:15-18, 19

- There will be war until the day you die.

- You have to go to the Father

4:30- **Nevertheless what saith the scripture**

- This is your appeal for everything

- This is your answer

Cast out ---- Negative – Harsh

- Bond woman – Law

- Ishmael – Product of the law - a wild man

- Cast them out

- Your not very loving

- Your not supposed to be loving to Judizers.

- These people mess churches up — Kick them out

- Your pastor is a shepard and he protects the flock and beats off the wolves

- 1Sam. 17:34-35 - David - Lion, bear

- Co-exsist - Now days everybody wants to blend in co-exsist.

- Works and faith can never co-exsist

- Gen. 21:14 - Abraham sent Hagar away

- Gen. 21:8 - Isaac was weaned

- When you got saved you were weaned from the law

- When a child is weaned he keeps wanting to go back to what he was weaned off of – Mother – bottle

- Christians – going back to the Old Life

- Christian – Law and works

- Isaac - Grew and was weaned

- Christians - Some are still babies wanting the baby things in life.

4:29- **Ishmael** - was oldest
- was strongest
- Is the flesh

- Isaac - had trouble with Ishmael he would go to the Father.

- Ishmael- was never any trouble until Isaac was born.

- Your flesh - never gave you any trouble until you got saved.

- When you got saved God didn't get rid of you old nature.

- Now you have Christ in you to help you fight against it.

- When you got saved some of your problems began

Fighting the Flesh

- Gal. 5:17 -You have to mortify your flesh and walk in the Spirit.

- Rom. 8:13

- 2Tim. 3:12 - All that live godly

- No worries, no taxes, God provides everything

- Num. 11:5-6

- Lk. 15:1-22- Prodical Son

- Lk. 15:19 - You don't get back in the graces of the father by works.

- You come back because you are a son Son of God

- Prodical Son said 3 things

  - 15:18- I have sinned against heaven

  - 15:19- not worthy to be called thy Son

  - 15:19- make me as one of the hired servants

- He gets the first two out and the father interrupts him.

- 15:22- But

  - We don't get in by works

  - We don't come back by works

  - We are children of God and if you want to come back

  - 1Jh. 1:9

  - Are you a Son or Servant

4:9- **Weak**

- Heb. 7:18-19 - The law is weak and unprofitable and makes nothing perfect.

- you can't loose your salvation

- Russell Wright son of Chester Wright - No matter what I do I will always be my fathers son.

- Born again into the family of God– not unborn

- That's called Eternal Security

- 1Cor. 1:7-8 - Jesus is going to confirm us unto the end.

- Ph. 1:6 - will perform it until the next day you sin — NO

  - The Day of Jesus Christ — The Rapture

- 2Tim. 1:12

- 1Pet. 1:4-5

4:10- You know how Paul could tell their going back under the law?

- They started observing days and months etc.

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday
Lent
Easter
Christmas
Catfish Friday
Sabbath

4:11- Paul's afraid their becoming religious, mechanical routine

- Man - Movement - Machine - Monument

4:28- The law is a handmaid to grace

- Hagar serves Sarah

- The law brought me to Christ

- Gal. 3:24-25

- Law - Sheep dog

- We are – sheep

- The law herds us and guides us to the Shepard

- The Shepard takes care of us.

- Who is greater the Shepard or the dog

- The dog just helps out the Shepard

- The law helps us see our need to get saved

- **Issac**

Abraham - 99 Sarah - 90

- Gen. 18:11- to old to have children

- Isaac born - miracle of God

- We're saved – miracle of God

- Isaac - laughter

- Grace will bring laughter and joy to a christian

- Law brings worry — did I loose my Sal.
  did I do my best
  I'LL get rid of this

- Agar - Law

- Sarah - Grace

- Christians loose their faith Sarah and go to the law Agar and and now have two wives and a big mess.

- Two wives can't cook in the same kitchen - let alone 2 women

- Salvation - Abraham & Sarah to the End

- 1 wife for life- Happy Marriage

- Start with Grace and finish in faith - Sarah

- Hagar - 5 times - Bondage & Bond

  - 4:23, 24, 30, 31

- Gal. 3:19 - The law serves – Grace saves

- Hagar was never meant to have children

- Gal. 3:21 - The law can't give life

- The law was never meant to have children. The law serves The law was added because of unbelief and inpatients

- Hagar - gave birth to a slave

- Gen. 16:12- Wild man

- Ishmael is a wildman and against everybody.

- He doesn't have peace

- People trying to keep the law to get heaven never have peace and the assurance of salvation.

4:10- - We do worship on Sunday

- Disciples met on the first day of the week.

1- Sunday 1st day of week
2- Acts 2 - disciples meet on Pentecost
3- Pentecost - 50 - Jewish feast day
4- Pentecost is on Sunday

5- Lev. 23:10-15 - 7 Sabbaths & morrow- Sunday

6- Holy Spirit descends first day do week

7- Christ rose from the dead on the first day of the week.

- Mt. 28:12

- Jh. 20:1-19

- Act 20:6-7

1Cor. 16:1-2

- We don't go to church on Sunday to get saved or to stay saved.

- Law - you had to go to the synagogue on the Sabbath
- Rom. 14:5- Fully persuaded

- Col. 2:14,16-17, 20, 21-23

- Churches have standards- They measure the internal by the external.

4:11- Maybe you didn't get saved. If your trying to go back under the law.

4:12- If you go back under the law your not hurting me your hurting yourself.

4:13-14- Paul body was weak.

- He was - Beaten, whipped, blind

- You shouldn't accept or reject a mans message because what he looks like.

4:14- Angel of God **even** as Christ Jesus

- Jesus Christ is the Angel of God

- Even - namely

- Jesus appeared in the OT as the Angel of the Lord.

- Acts 27:23

4:15- Gal. 6:11- Bad eye sight - Large print bible

- Acts 9:8-9 - Blind 3 days

- 2Cor. 12:7

- Josh. 23:13

- Acts 23:1-5- Some preachers use this as a proof text to prove Paul was blind– I don't think so

4:14-15- The Honeymoon is over
The new pastor wares off
The excitement is gone

- At one time these people loved Paul so much they would of given him there eyes

4:26- New Jerusalem- Mother of us all

- Mary – No

- Church – No

4:27- Barren - Jew

- Legalism is barren and produces no fruit

- It doesn't give life.

- Desolate - Gentiles

- Jews religion is dead and is bearing no fruit.

- Gentiles have life

4:28- **We**

- Paul is including himself with the Galatians

Are - Present tense

- Abraham & Sarah & Promise of a son

- Many years went by and no son

- The promise is still in effect

- We have promise of Christ's return - But he hasn't come back yet.

- The promise is still good

- People start getting inpatient and quit believing.

- Abraham - staggering at the promises of God went to Hagar.

4:22- Hagar - Bondmaid - Servant

- Sarah - Free woman - Lady of the house

- Bondmaid serves the free woman

4:23- **He** who was of the bond woman – **Ishamel**

- He of the free woman - **Isaac**

4:24- **Allegory**

- is a story that represents something else.

- Pilgrams Progress

- Paul is going to reveal the hidden meaning behind the story.

4:24- **Two covenants**

- 1st Testament - OT- Old Testament

- 2Nd Testament - NT - New Testament

- Hagar - Bondage - Flesh - Ishmael - OT

- Sarah - Free - Promise - Isaac - NT

- Agar - Hagar - Egyptian - Gen. 16:1 - Mt. Sinai - Law

4:25- Agar - Mt. Sinai - Law

- The Jews in Jerusalem are lost under bondage to the law.

4:26- Jerusalem — above - New Jerusalem

- Rev. 21:2, 9-23

4:16- People get mad at you for telling them what the Bible says

- Isa. 30:9-11

- Rev. 3:20- Behold I stand at the door and knock

- Christians today don't want the Lord in the church.

- 1Kg. 22:8, 14 – Micaiah

- Jere. 5:30-31

- Pr. 27:6-

4:17 - **They** - Judeizers

- Gal. 3:1

- Gal. 5:7

Zealously effect you

- These Judaizers could fire the people up

- Hittler- fired up the germans

But not well

- Their getting the people excited but for the wrong thing.

- Rom. 10:2- They have zeal but not according to knowledge.

They would exclude you

- False teachers are stealing people out of church and bringing them to their church it would benefit them

- It's like cutting animals out of a herd

4:17- **That ye might effect them**

- Gal. 6:13

4:18- Paul is not cretasize zeal.

- It's good to get on fire and get stirred up.

And not only when I am present with you

- Not only when quest preachers show up

- not only when the pastor is watching

- Paul is not jealous he don't care who stirs you up. As long as he does it for good things

- Lots of pastors get jealous if someone comes in to their church and stirs up his folds when he can't

- not Paul

4:19- **My little children**- saved

Travail in birth again

- Travail – painful

- Leading someone to Christ is hard work. your wore out

- Travailing in prayer

Again until Christ be formed in you

- Paul wants these Christians to be sold out for Christ.

- Totally Committed

- Fully Purposed

ILL- Fruit jar ½ full of water

- You always have the same amount of the Spirit, but when your zealously affected you fill the jar.

- Paul wants you filled with Christ all the time

- Until you act just like Jesus.

- Rom. 8:29 - To be conformed to the image of his Son

- 2Cor. 3:18 - Changed into the same image

- Rom.12:2 - Be not conformed... But be ye transformed

- **Christ be formed in you**

- Christ needs to be in control of every part of your body.

4:20- Paul would really like to be with them, Because he is starting to doubt their salvation.

4:20- Paul is going to change his voice- He's been nice up till now.

4:21- **Do you hear the Law**

- Law - you live a perfect life and you can go to heaven

- Law - If you have ever broken the law, cuss, lie, steal you are going to hell

- Gal. 3:10

- Jam. 2:10

4:22-31- Paul uses an illustration to prove his point.