

Recap

- Paul pleading with Galatians to return to the Gospel – they are justified through faith in Jesus alone
- **You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you-** you know the truth but are not living accordingly; you are being led astray.
 - Your experience tells you the Gospel is true.
 - Life of Abraham tells you the Gospel is true.
 - Mission of Jesus tells you the Gospel is true.
- **Become like me** – live in freedom of being children and heirs of God



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Two Sons of Abraham

- When Abraham is 75 years old God promised him: I will make you into a great nation. (Gen 12.3)
- When Abraham is 85 years old God promised him a son: a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir (Gen 15.4)
 - Sarah gives Abraham her servant Hagar as a surrogate. Result is Ishmael. (Gen 16)
- When Abraham is 99 years old God promises Abraham a son with Sarah: Sarah your wife will have a son (Gen 18.10.) This is Isaac.



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Covenant – sacred ‘family-making’ relationship; ‘I am yours and you are mine’

	Covenant of Law	Covenant of Faith
Also known as	Mosaic/ Sinaitic/Old Covenant	New Covenant; see with Abraham, fulfilled in Jesus
Heart of covenant	You will be My people and I will be your God	You will be My people and I will be your God
Human side of the covenant	To keep commandments	To trust in God (Jesus)
Represented by	Hagar	Sarah
Represented by	Present city of Jerusalem	Jerusalem that is above
Status of ‘children’	In slavery	Free



A Few Warnings

- Can't work our way into God's family – fundamental issue is not our relative goodness but our absolute deadness
- Can't work our way into God's favor – faith is always the currency of the Kingdom; Beware:
 - **Resentment** when things don't go as you want
 - **Drivenness** in your approach to God
- **Self-reliance is a constant temptation**
 - Most tempted where our deepest desires and our greatest resources overlap
 - Choose to wait on God



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