



“The Two Covenants”

Rom. 7:7-8 Paul argues that the Jews were freed from the Old Law:

- The Law. Rom. 7:17; Gal. 4:18
- Fear. Rom. 8:13
- Law of sin and death. Rom. 8:2
- Sin. Rom. 6:18
- Corruption. Rom. 8:21

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Gal. 3:10-14 Law of Moses Demanded Perfect Law Keeping:

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under **the curse**: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in **all** things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

Gal. 3:19-25 Law of Moses: Made Jews Conscious of Sin Till Savior Came

Duration:

19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

20 Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.

Gal. 3:19-25 Purpose of the Law of Moses Schoolmaster:

23 But **before faith came**, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

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Gal. 4:21-31 “Covenants” Contrasted

Allegory:

Old Covenant		New Covenant	
Hagar, bondwoman	Mt. Sinai, Old Covenant answers to worldly Jerusalem	Sarah, Free woman	New Covenant, Jerusalem above, Cf. Heb. 12:22
Ishmael, born after the flesh	Jews	Isaac, born through promise. (vs. 29)	Christians- Gal. 3:29; 4:28; Rom. 9:6-9

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Allegory:

Old Covenant		New Covenant	
Bond	Bondage of the Jews under the law	Free	Christians are free in Christ. Gal. 5:1
Persecutes	At that time they were persecuting Christians	Persecuted	Christians were persecuted

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Allegory:

Old Covenant New Covenant

Cast out, Mother and Son. (Child receives no inheritance with he son of the free woman	Law and Jews cast out. (Jews cannot inherit with Christians. (Cf.. Heb. 13:10	Inherits	Christians are heirs. (Rom. 8:17)
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Gal. 4:21-31 "Covenants" Contrasted by Allegory:

Two important points to learn regarding this allegory:

1. How are Christians "children according to the Spirit?" Gal. 4:29

- a. Born of water and the Spirit. Jno. 3:3-5; Cf.. Eph. 5:25-27
- b. Begotten by the word of God. 1 Cor. 4:15
- c. By one Spirit (the word is the sword of the Spirit Eph. 6:17) we are baptized into the one body. 1 Cor. 12:13; cf.. Rom. 8:16-17

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Gal. 4:21-31 "Covenants" Contrasted by Allegory:

Two important points to learn regarding this allegory:

2. How does one obtain this "freedom" in Christ?

- a. One can be made free from the bondage of sin by a knowledge of the truth. (Jno. 8:31-36)
- b. One is made free from sin by obedience to that form or pattern of teaching done by Paul. (Rom. 6:16-18)
 - (1) The "form" of teaching that delivers from sin is set forth in Rom. 6:3-11.
 - (2) The form is the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. If one is free from the bondage of sin he has the freedom that Gal. 4 speaks of.

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Gal. 5:1-4 Do Not Go Back To The Law.

Do not be entangled again.
Do not receive circumcision.
Debtor to do whole law.
Severed from Christ.
Fallen from Grace.

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In Gal. 3-5, Paul clearly shows that the Old Covenant is fulfilled in Christ.

Conclusion:

Since the Old Covenant (Law) has been abolished, no one can appeal to it for support of any religious teaching to bind on man today.

1. It was given only to the Jews and now even they are free from it.
2. The Jewish law came to an end with the death of Christ on the cross.