

Gal. 4:19-31

¹⁹. My children, I am again in labor pains, until Christ is formed in you. ²⁰. I want to be present with you, until I can also change my voice, because I am confused about you. ²¹. Tell me, you who want to be under law, do you not hear the Law?

²². For it is written, Abraham had two sons: one from the slave woman and one from the free. ²³. The one from the slave woman was born according to the flesh, and the one from the free woman through promise. ²⁴. This is an analogy. These are two covenants. One from Mount Sinai, bearing children into slavery – This is Hagar. ²⁵. Hagar corresponds to Mount Sinai in Arabia. This corresponds to the present Jerusalem because she is a slave with her children. ²⁶. The Jerusalem above is free – this corresponds to our mother. ²⁷. It is written, “Rejoice barren woman, who has never born children. Let loose and cry out, you who have never had labor pains. Because the children of the desolate woman are many, more than the children of the one who has a husband. ²⁸. Brothers, you are children of promise, according to Isaac. ²⁹. But, just as the one born according to flesh then persecuted the one [born] according to Spirit, so also now. ³⁰. But what does the Scripture say? “Throw out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman will certainly not inherit with the son of the free woman. ³¹. Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.