



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

Study questions for Galatians 4v21-31

Remember to find the answers in the verses under consideration !

v 21 Instead of listening to Calvinists or Armenians who argue all the time, to whom should we listen ?

v 22 God is not revealing new truths, but illustrating old ones by whose lives ?

v 23 Why does God say Ishmael was born ?

v 24 This is the **ONLY** verse in the whole Bible that uses the word "allegory". Calvinist theology is totally built upon turning real biblical history about Israel into allegories. However, this one verse that uses the word allegory proves that their "Replacement Theology", also know as "Supersessionism" or "Preterism", is totally false. The Church does NOT replace Israel anymore than Hagar and her children replace Sara and her children who received the Covenant of the Law given to Moses. Hagar's children, the 12 Arab nations, would be better seen as replacing Israel than the Church according to this verse ! What SINGLE fact about Hagar is being used as an allegory in this verse ?

v 25 What SINGLE fact common to Mount Sinai and Jerusalem is being emphasized ? Notice that NO Calvinist would say Jerusalem should now be called Mount Sinai, even though they say Israel should now be called the Church because of their allegorical reading of the Bible !

v 26 Like Calvin, the Roman Catholic Church allegorizes the whole Old Testament so that Heavenly Jerusalem is the "Mother Church" for them. How should we understand the SINGLE fact about slavery or freedom being brought out about Jerusalem and Sara ?

v 27 This quote from Isaiah 54v1 says we should do LIKE Sara who had not been able to bear children. When did she rejoice ?

v 28 Notice again the word "like" which means we do not "replace" Isaac, but need to know we are "like" him. In what way are we like him ?

v 29 Notice again the words "as at that time" which again means we do not replace the child of Abraham. Who's children are persecuting BOTH the Church and Israel today ?

v 30 How should we deal with those who try to enslave Christians today by saying the Law given to Moses for Israel is now for Christians ?

v 31 The allegory ends with a reminder of the ONE fact in common between underlined : slavery or freedom. Paul is NOT saying the Church replaces Israel ! We are neither physical children of Hagar nor of Sara (unless you are a Hebrew Christian), so what would we have inherited from being born to a slave or a free mother ?