

MESSAGE NOTES—April 15, 2018
“Reading the Bible Through the Gospel”
Galatians 4:21-31
John Mahaffey, Lead Pastor

Introduction:

- (1) The Addressees
- (2) The Exhortation
- (3) The Allegory

1. The History Behind the Allegory

- (1) Abraham had Two Sons
- (2) Born of Different _____
- (3) Born in Different _____

2. The Revealed Truths in the Allegory

- (1) Represents the Two _____
- (2) Pictures the _____

3. The Gospel Takeaways in the Allegory

- (1) How to Read the Old Testament
- (2) The Gospel for the _____
- (3) The Gospel for _____
- (4) There Are Only _____ Religions in the World
- (5) How Ishmaels _____ Isaacs
- (6) Are You an Ishmael or an Isaac?



PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY

April 22, 2018 - "Gospel Freedom"

This helpful tool will enable you to become familiar in advance with the Scripture from which Pastor John will preach next Sunday. By doing the exercise below, you will prepare your heart and mind for the next message in this series.

Read Galatians 5:1-15.

1. Using this passage, how would you answer someone who said that Paul's emphasis on faith in Christ means that we can live as we please?
2. In what ways is it possible for Christians to lose their freedom in the Gospel? What does the passage urge us to do so that freedom will not be lost?
3. Does verse 4 mean that Christians can lose their salvation?
4. In verses 7-12, what marks of false teaching does Paul outline? Why is it so difficult to keep proclaiming the truth of the Gospel?
5. Paul's attitude to the false teachers sounds harsh. What motivated him to feel this way about them? What is your reaction to false teaching in the church today? What can we learn from Paul's example?
6. In what ways are we prone to misuse our Gospel freedom? What does Paul suggest is an antidote to this?
7. Someone might argue that because Christ has set us free from the law that we can ignore it altogether. From 5:14, how would you answer this?

GRACE

>> MORE THAN WE DESERVE GREATER THAN WE IMAGINE

INSPIRED BY THE BOOK BY
MAX LUCADO

A WORSHIP MUSICAL
SUNDAY, APRIL 29
9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

PRESENTED BY
WEST HIGHLAND'S
WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRIES

On **Sunday, April 29 at 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.**, the choir will be leading us in a worship musical called "*Grace*", inspired by the book by Max Lucado. This presentation will fit in well with Pastor John's current series on Galatians, our 2018 prayer theme, and our "Testifying to God's Grace" CD which was released recently. Invite your family and friends to this special musical event!