

Hi My Sweet Sisters in Christ,

As I read and think about Galatians, I continue to be in awe of God's hand through the historical setting of this book, the brutal Roman Empire as well as the corrupt Jewish leadership. And yet, this was the political era Jesus was born into as our Savior and the era that the Church was launched. No matter the problems around us, God is at work. We Can Trust Him!

To enrich your understanding be sure to:

- **Read from the New Living Translation [Galatians 4, NLT](#)**
- **Watch [Galatians Bible Project video](#)** (9 minutes)
- **Watch the Week 4 Deb-Talk [Galatians 4](#) video** (12+ minutes)

As you read with prayerful, Holy Spirit led intention to remember things read, may you be uplifted knowing that your meditation keeps you in God's pipeline of blessing and in His Presence. Be assured that you are doing God's will as you meditate on His Word.

Are you looking for keywords? They really can help with remembering so you can think about what has been read. This is meditation. Find those mini-memory verses too! Mine...verse 9 "known by God" (NKJV). Wow, I am known by God! It's awesome to know He really "gets me"! And He gets you too!

In chapter 4, Paul is building an analogy from Abraham's family. Stay focused on Paul's purpose behind this God designed analogy, clarifying bondage thru human efforts and freedom in Christ.

Building Blocks

- Verse 6 - Abba" is an Aramaic term for a deeply loving father, like "Daddy".
- Read Galatians 3:26-29 before reading chapter 4. Remember this was a letter and chapter divisions were not part of Paul's writing.
- Finish your reading with these verses - Galatians 5:1 & 6.

Tips

- Notice Paul had great knowledge of the Old Testament.
- Observe the analogy comparing and contrasting of the Old Testament account of Abraham and his two sons from two different women. (Gal.4:24-26,28)
- Notice Paul had some health problems, Gal.4:12-17. How did the Galatians respond to this? Who and what is challenging the Galatians relationship with Paul?
- Don't miss these problem people "false teachers" referred to as "they" in verse 17. What kind of false teachers or false messaging do you face?

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Stay in the Word Girls! Read it, think it, talk it, live it! And I hope to see some of you at church this Sunday on the field! For details: www.shadowmountain.org

With Love Because of the Word,

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