

The Problem of Not Knowing
What You Think You Know
Galatians 4:21–5:1
Part 1

Introduction.

I. God's Inspired Historical Narrative. Galatians 4:21–23

- Gen.15:1–6. God has promised Abraham a son.
Gen.16:1–3, 15–16. Abraham trusts in his way of fulfilling God's promise to him.
Gen.17:15–22. God's way is not man's way.
God's way requires faith in the ability of God.
God's way requires one to abandon trust in one's own abilities.
Gen.18:9–11 Emphasis. Highlight It. Say it within Neon Lights.
Man's way does not result in God's promises being fulfilled.
Gen.21:1–7 God miraculously fulfill his promise.
Genesis 21:8–14 Ishmael is the mocker, Hagar wandering in the wilderness.
Genesis 16:4–12 Ismael is the enemy of Israel.

II. God's Inspired Analogy. Galatians 4:24–28

A. Understanding Scripture's use of allegory.

Galatians 4:24

B. Applying, by way of analogy, the historical narrative of Hagar and Sarah and the sons they bore Abraham to the teaching of Judaism. Galatians 4:25–26,28

C. Applying, by way of analogy, Isaiah's prophecy to the teaching of Judaism. Galatians 4:27