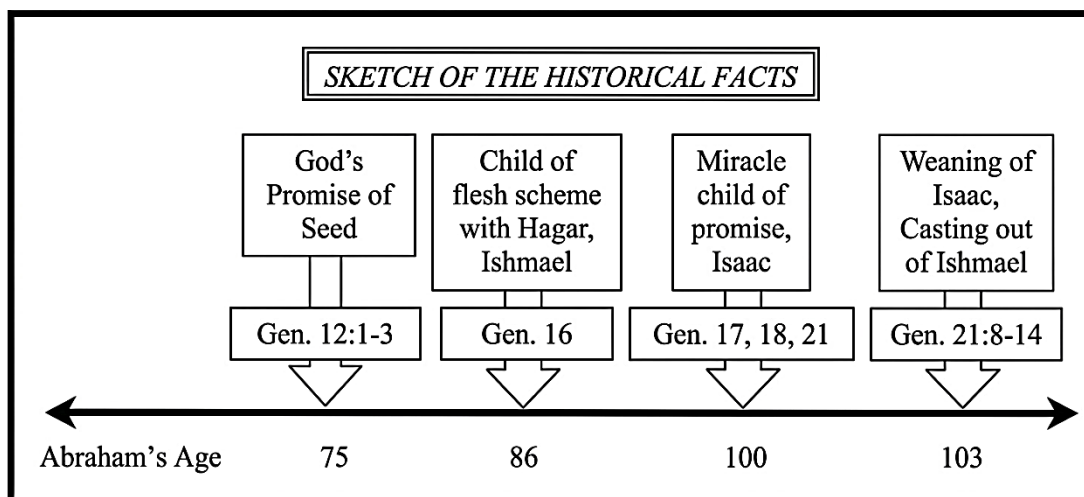


WHY SHOULD YOU SEPARATE FROM LEGALISM? (Galatians 4:21-31)

1. REVERSION: Reverting to legalism, either to be justified before God or sanctified, results in spiritual _____ . (4:3, 9-10, 21, 24-25; 5:1)

- *What is legalism?*

2. ILLUSTRATION: Legalism stands in _____ with God's method of _____ and grace as illustrated by Paul's allegory of Sarah, Hagar, and their two sons, Isaac and Ishmael. (4:22-28)



- *How is Paul's creation of an allegory in Galatians 4 different from the allegorical method of Bible interpretation used throughout church history?*

2 Mothers (v. 22)	Hagar, who was a _____	Sarah, who was _____
2 Sons (v. 23)	Ishmael, who had a _____ birth (of flesh)	Isaac, who had a _____ _____ birth (of promise)
2 Covenants (v. 24)	_____ Covt. (Mt. Sinai)	_____ Covt. (of promise)
2 Cities (vv. 25-26)	_____ Jerusalem	_____ Jerusalem
2 Results (vv. 24, 31)	_____	_____

3. PERSECUTION: Religious legalists have a _____ to persecute grace-based believers (3:4; 4:29; 5:11; 6:12), which should not _____ us as believers (1 Peter 4:12-13).

- *How was this true with Ishmael and Isaac? (Gen. 21:8-9)*
- *How was this true with Paul at Galatia? (Acts 13:45, 50-52; 14:1-6, 19)*
- *How has this been true throughout church history?*

4. SEPARATION: God _____ us as church-age believers living in the dispensation of grace to separate from legalistic false teaching and teachers. (4:30; 5:12)

- *Was the separation of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac from Hagar and Ishmael merely Sarah's will or God's will? (Gen. 21:9-12)*
- *Is the practice of biblical separation unloving or ungracious?*

5. LIBERATION: As believers who are children of God, we have been _____ by Jesus Christ and called to _____ in Him, so _____ for it! (4:31-5:1)