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Let's review the intent of this book to establish context

As we study notice the repeated words; law, slave, bond vs. promise, heir, free

Galatians 1:6-9

I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; 7 which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! 9 As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

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Galatians 1:13-16

13 For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it; 14 and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions. 15 But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased 16 to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles

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Galatians 2:1-4

1 Then after an interval of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along also. 2 It was because of a revelation that I went up; and I submitted to them the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but I did so in private to those who were of reputation, for fear that I might be running, or had run, in vain. 3 But not even Titus, who was with me, though he was a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. 4 But it was because of the false brethren secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into bondage.

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Galatians 2:11-13

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision. 13 The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.

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Galatians 2:15-16

15 “We are Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles; 16 nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.

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Galatians 2:20

20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

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20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.”

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Galatians 3:1-3

1 You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? 2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the **Law**, or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the **flesh**?

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Galatians 3:19-22

19 Why the **Law** then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the **promise** had been made. 20 Now a mediator is not for one party only; whereas God is only one. 21 Is the **Law** then contrary to the **promises** of God? May it never be! For if a **law** had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on **law**. 22 But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the **promise** by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

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Galatians 3:23-27

23 But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the **law**, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. 24 Therefore the **Law** has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. 26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

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Galatians 3:28-29

28 **There is neither Jew nor Greek**, there is neither **slave** nor **free** man, there is neither male nor female; for **you are all one in Christ Jesus**. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, **heirs** according to **promise**.

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Galatians 4:1-3

1 Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father. 3 So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world.

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Galatians 4:4-7

4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, 5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

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Galatians 4:9-11

9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again? 10 You observe days and months and seasons and years. 11 **I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.**

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There are 2 primary purposes Paul is communicating:

1. Jesus is preeminent to the Old Testament Law which has been nailed to the cross.
2. Gentiles are welcome at the table where Jesus sits.

The church in Galatia was falling away from Jesus, and back into Judaism. This was because of “false brethren secretly brought in.” (c.2 v.3). Paul expresses his disappointment with them over these twice, “that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.” (c.4 v.11) and “but I could wish to be present with you now and to change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.” (c.4 v. 20)

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Law (v.21)	
One son by a bond woman (v.22)	One son by a freewoman
One born according to the flesh (v.23)	One born through promise (v.23)
⇐ Two covenants (v.24) ⇒	
One proceeding from Mount Sinai, bearing slaves, - Hagar (v.24)	
Is in bondage (v.25)	
	Jerusalem which is <u>above</u> and free (v.26)
	“Barren woman” refers to Sarah (v.27)
	Like Isaac was, we are the children of promise (v.28)

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One child born according to the flesh persecuted him that was born according to the Spirit – Ishmael (v.29) Notice: “so it is now also”	
Cast out the bondwoman and her son (v.30)	
	We (Christians) are children of the free (v.31)
⇐ Genesis 21:9-12 ⇒	

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Additional reference to the Law ending to allow for Christ to be preeminent

Matthew 5:17

17 “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.

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Luke 24:44

44 Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

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Galatians 5:3

And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law.

James 2:10

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

If the Old Testament Law has any authority during the Christian age, we must keep ALL of the law (animal sacrifices, Jerusalem pilgrimages, stoning the unfaithful, not mixed clothes in our garments, etc. All of it!)

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