

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of January 8th

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1. What are some of the things that you are most thankful for at the beginning of this new year? _____

2. What are some ways that you are planning to invest in your spiritual growth this year? _____

3. Pastor Bryan began his message by referring to his life verse - 2 Timothy 2:15. What are some conclusions that we can draw from this verse about the Bible? _____
4. Explain what does it mean to take the Bible literally? How can one literally understand a metaphor in the Bible? _____

5. Read Galatians 4:21-31. Recalling what you know from previous messages, who is Paul addressing? _____

6. In this analogy, how are those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ like Isaac (v. 28)? _____

7. Ishmael mocked Isaac at the celebration that commemorated Isaac's weaning in Genesis 21. How does Paul draw a parallel with what was going on with the Galatians? (See Gal 4:29) _____

8. How is the end of those who hold to some form of works salvation similar to what happened to Hagar and Ishmael (v. 30)? _____

9. At the end of the section Paul states that we are children of the free woman (v. 31). In your own words summarize what Paul means? _____

10. How would the Christian life be different if we were justified by a combination of works and faith? _____

Sermon Prep: Read Galatians 4 & 5.

AN UNUSUAL ANALOGY

Galatians 4:21-31

Series #17

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“An Unusual Analogy.”** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What is Pastor Bryan's life verse?
2. The starting point for rightly dividing the Word is taking the Bible in what way?
3. What are several examples of allegorizing or spiritualizing the Bible that are **NOT** right?
4. Is allegorizing or spiritualizing Scripture something new?
5. In Acts 27:29, why did the men on the boat throw the anchors out?

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6. Taking the Bible literally or normally simply means taking it in what way?
7. If you move away from a normal, literal approach to the Bible, then you have opened up Pandora's box because it is all what?
8. Because Seventh-Day-Adventists moved away from the literal meaning of Scripture, they hold strongly to what?
9. The word "Israel" is used how many times in the New Testament?
10. Every time the word "Israel" is used in the New Testament it refers to whom?
11. Do we take figures of speech and metaphors in the Bible literally? In what way do we do this?
12. How can we be so sure that we should take the Bible literally?
13. What references demonstrate the answer to #12?
14. In Galatians 4:21-31, is Paul allegorizing the story or using it as an analogy or illustration?
15. Does Paul allegorize the Old Testament in any of his 12 letters?
16. Paul is addressing a group of Gentile Christians who have been convinced that they need to put themselves under what?
17. The first 5 books of Hebrew Scripture are called what?
18. Hagar's son Ishmael wasn't the fulfillment of what?
19. When someone resorts to allegorical interpretation of the Bible, he is looking for some kind of what?
20. Paul uses the story of two mothers, two sons, and two locations, to illustrate the difference between what?
21. What was established at Mt. Sinai? Who represented this?
22. Paul says that Jerusalem and her children were still in what?
23. As citizens of heaven/heavenly Jerusalem, people are not under what?
24. What verse did Paul think of when he was making his point in Galatians 4?
25. Those who have placed faith in Christ are like whom?
26. We don't become what when we place faith in Christ?
27. Who represented Judaizers?
29. What happens to those who hold to justification by works of the OT law?
30. The people seen in Matthew 7:22-23 are cast out because they were dependent upon what?
31. It is foolish to try to put yourself under the OT law because you are simply putting yourself where?
32. Are you standing fast in your liberty?