

# Message Notes

## The Lesson of the Slave Woman

# Scripture Passages

(taken from the English Standard Version)

### Introduction – Growing up Lutheran

Sermon Series  
Jesus + Nothing = Everything  
Today: Galatians 4:21-25

### Comparing and Contrasting

#1 - Who is being addressed?  
*Galatians 4:21a*

#2 - What is Paul's (unstated) point?  
*Galatians 4:21b*

*Galatians 2:15-16, 21, 3:10-11, 4:4-7*

#3 - What is Paul comparing/contrasting?  
*Galatians 4:22-25*

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*Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-6, 16:1-4, 16, 17:15-21, 21:1-2*

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Covenant #2 -

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- By a free woman – Sarah
- Born according to the promise

#4 - What is one thing God would teach us?  
*Galatians 4:25, 30*

Gospel Application - What is one good thing you've allowed to become a God thing?

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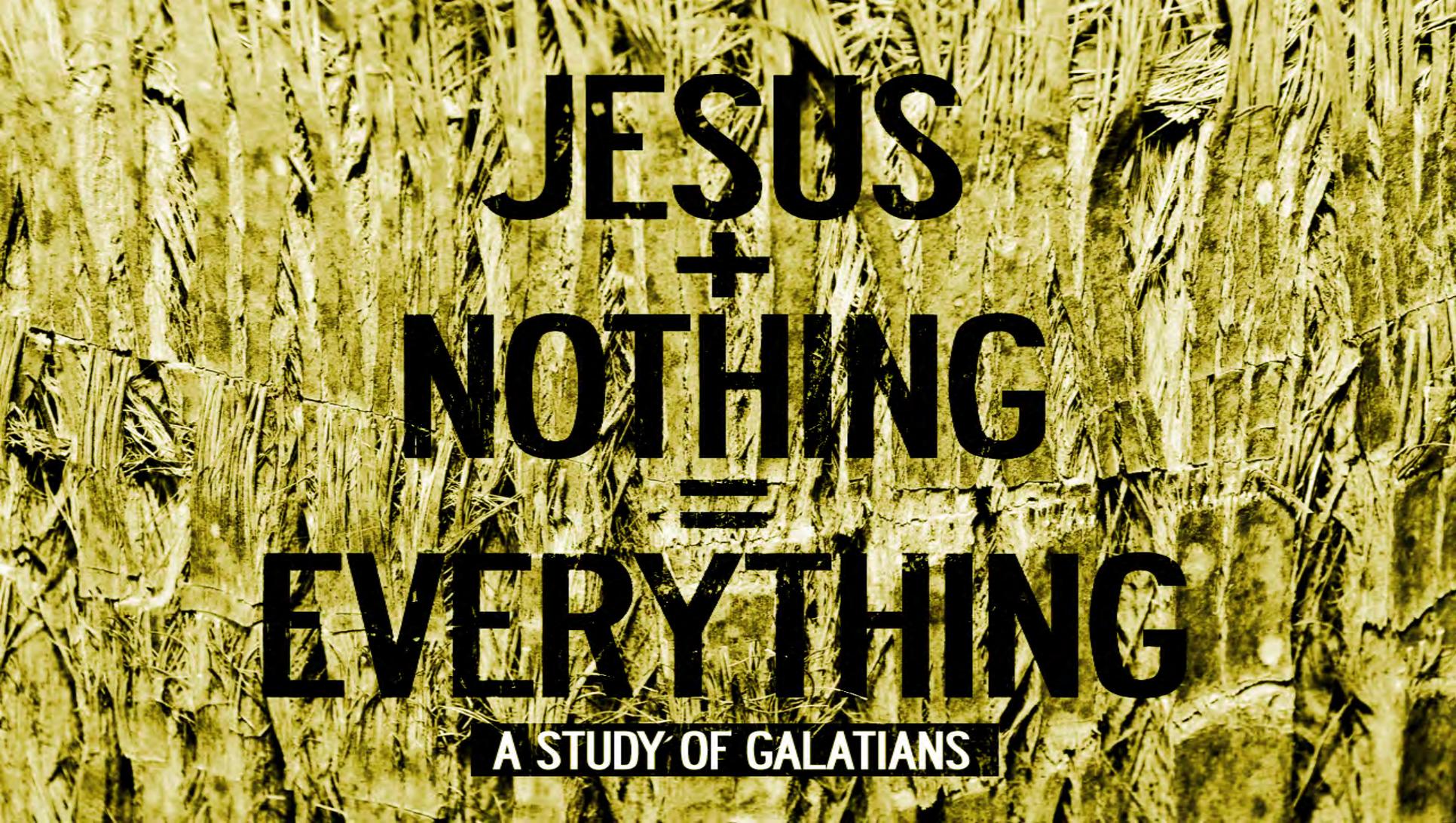
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**A STUDY OF GALATIANS**

**This week's message:**

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## Next Week - Galatians 4:26-31

26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. 27 For it is written,

“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband.”

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28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. 29 But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. 30 But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” 31 So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

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15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

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**Galatians 2:21**

I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

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## Galatians 3:10-11

10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."

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15 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” 2 But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.”

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4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” 5 And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” 6 And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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## Genesis 16:1-4 – A son is born!

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. 2 And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

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## **Genesis 21:1-2 – THE son is born!**

1 The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised. 2 And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him.

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# MISTAKES

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## John 5:39-40

39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

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