

# PRAYER UPDATE

## PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

**Jared Hinds** - is home this week recovering from his last chemo treatment before his bone marrow transplant. The doctors at Stanford have found several perfect genetic matches for Jared and he is to prepare to receive the transplant in about 4 weeks . It is a really intense and risky process that lasts 100 days. Pray for Jared and his wife Nadia for peace and strength through this next stage.

**Hayden Jilka** (8 yrs old) - pray for protection, peace and comfort as the family travels to Stanford for his weekly chemo treatment. Also pray that Hayden continues to keep blood counts up and stay free of illness.

**Linda Seigle** (faithful usher) - had knee replacement surgery on 3/4. Please pray for complete healing.

**Gene Cutler** - is back at Dominican Hospital. Gene had a brain aneurysm on 8/14 and has slowly been moving forward over recent months. Please continue to pray for a miraculous recovery and for peace and comfort for his wife Ginni and the family.

**Bernice Bergman** - is at Dominican Hospital with vertigo and other complications. Pray for comfort and healing.

**Alice Harris** (Elaine Irao's mom) - is now on hospice. Please pray for peace and comfort for the family during this difficult time.Home with the lord

## TLC SHUT-INS

If you would like to deliver an Easter flower to a shut-in during the week of March 30th-April 2nd, please call Carrie Clark @ 465-3368.

## SPECIAL THANKS:

"We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to the many in this church family who have reached out to us during these months of our son's battle with cancer. The love from the staff and body of Believers has been a blessing and a true comfort. We thank God for all of you and for the peace He has given us." Paul and Nelda Barton

**We would love to visit your loved ones in the hospital. Contact Carrie Clark 465.3368 | care@tlc.org**

**A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.**



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## CHURCHIANITY VS. CHRISTIANITY GALATIANS 4:8-31

MARCH 21 & MARCH 22  
RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

THE PLOT SO FAR: The Galatians were among the first pagans to follow Jesus. Then teachers from Jerusalem insist they follow strict religious rules. The Apostle Paul warns they're becoming more religious, but are moving backwards, away from a simple focus on grace.

Before you Gentiles knew God, **you were slaves** to so-called gods that do not even exist. So now that you know God (or should I say, now that God knows you), why do you want to **go back again** and **become slaves once more** to the **weak and useless spiritual principles** of this world? Gal. 4:8,9 NLT

How "Christ-plus" teachers will try to steal your freedom:

1. SPECIAL \_\_\_\_\_  
You are **trying to earn favor with God** by observing certain days or months or seasons or years. I fear for you. Gal. 4:10,11a  
SNAPSHOT OF HEALTH: Gal. 4:12-15
2. RELIGIOUS \_\_\_\_\_  
Those people are **zealous** to win you over, but for no good... Gal. 4:17a
3. \_\_\_\_\_ FROM OTHERS  
What they want is to **alienate** you from us... Gal. 4:17b
4. \_\_\_\_\_-FOCUSED MINISTRY  
...so that you may have zeal **for them**. Gal. 4:17c

## PAUL'S WARNING:

The biggest danger to the church is from \_\_\_\_\_ people

Tell me, you who want to live under the law, do you know what the law actually says? The Scriptures say that Abraham had **two sons**, one from the slave woman and one from the free woman. The son of the slave woman was born in a **human attempt** to bring about the fulfillment of God's promise. But the son of the freeborn woman was born as **God's own fulfillment of his promise**. These two women serve as an illustration... Gal. 4:21-24 NLT

Parallels between Abraham's sons and two groups in the church:

1. One represents seeking salvation by \_\_\_\_\_;

the other by \_\_\_\_\_

For it is written: "Be glad, barren woman, you who never bore a child; shout for joy and cry aloud, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband." Gal. 4:27

2. One \_\_\_\_\_ the other

3. One \_\_\_\_\_ the other

At that time the son born according to the flesh **persecuted** the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. Gal. 4:29

## THE BOTTOM LINE:

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### *GALATIANS EXTRA:*

*What is the purpose of the Old Testament law today?*

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**MEMORY VERSE:** "It is for freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Gal. 5:1

## DAILY MEDITATIONS

**MONDAY** Read Galatians 4:8-11. Paul is saying that, before we came to know Christ, we were enslaved to religious rules that he calls "weak and miserable principles." Why is legalism "weak"? Why is it "miserable"? What can be attractive about legalism? How can you tell the difference between life-giving spiritual disciplines and "weak and miserable" legalism? Ask God to give you wisdom in this area and guard your freedom in Christ!

**TUESDAY** Read Gal. 4:12-16. Ancient sources say Paul had an eye disease—hence his comments about how the Galatians "wanted to give me your eyes". Note that if it hadn't been for Paul's eye problem, which forced him to stop in Galatia (which had a reputation for its eye salve), he may never have shared the gospel there! Pray that God gives you the grace to see even inconveniences as sovereignly arranged divine appointments. What situations does God have you in now that may be negatives he is turning into positive "divine appointments"?

**WEDNESDAY** Read Gal. 4:17-20. One of the telltale signs of false teachers is that they are zealous, full of religious conviction and fervor, but for all the wrong reasons. Paul points out here that they are zealous for two reasons: To win the Galatians over to their side, and to alienate them from other believers. Have you ever seen this happen? Why do you think false teachers tend to do this? How are legalistic rules a handy tool to accomplish this? Ask God to help you be discerning about teachers you hear.

**THURSDAY** Read Gal. 4:17-31. This passage can be a bit confusing, but don't miss Paul's main point: There are two kinds of religious people. One group is in slavery, the other is free. One is focused on human efforts to attain God's blessings, while the other rests in God's fulfillment of his promise. They look similar but they have a completely different world view and allegiance. And the "slave" child, the legalist, persecutes the "free" child. How have you seen this? Have you ever done this to someone else when you were thinking legalistically? It's easy to do! Ask God to keep you free when others try to enslave you – and keep you from being the legalistic child.

**FRIDAY** Read Colossians 2:20-23. Paul says something similar to what he tells the Galatians. The Colossian Christians were also being led astray, beginning to base their relationship with God on rule-keeping. How much value does Paul say these rules have? If rule-keeping is not effective in restraining indulgence, what is? (Hint: See Colossians 3:1-2, and Galatians 5:16. Ask God to help you change on the inside, not just through outward rules.

**SATURDAY** Catch up on any devos you may have missed. Please pray for me and all the teachers and workers at TLC, that we would be filled with the Spirit as grace-oriented leaders.