

What follows represents the unedited lecture notes of Pastor Merritt's teaching of the Book of Galatians. Please feel free to reproduce all or part for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians Lesson

7-16-2017

1. Last week I taught Gal 4:26 and when time expired we were about to begin the exegesis of Gal 4:27.
2. Before we continue you may want to use the provisions of 1Jo 1:9 by silently naming sin to God as the Holy Spirit may show.
3. Let's see how Gal 4:21-26 look by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

Gal 4:21 What? Are you telling me you want to be under the Mosaic Law? Have you not been listening to what the law says?

Gal 4:22 For you see it has been written in Gen 16:1-16 that Abram fathered two sons, one by his slave and the other by his wife Sarai."

Gal 4:23 But most assuredly indeed the son of the slave was born after the flesh in the ordinary way; but the other son, Isaac was born as a direct result of God's promise.

Gal 4:24 What we have here must be taken figuratively, for the women represent two testimonies; One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves to the law: These are the followers of Hagar and her son Ishmael.

Gal 4:25 And now Jerusalem is just like Mount Sinai, because she and her children live in slavery to the law.

Gal 4:26 But keep in mind the Jerusalem above is free and represents first the present spiritual reality of all believers and later in point of eschatological time it represents our heavenly home above the millennial earth and later a city in the New Heaven over the New Earth. The Jerusalem from above is the mother of all believers."

4. Now let's see what we can learn from Gal 4:27.

KJV

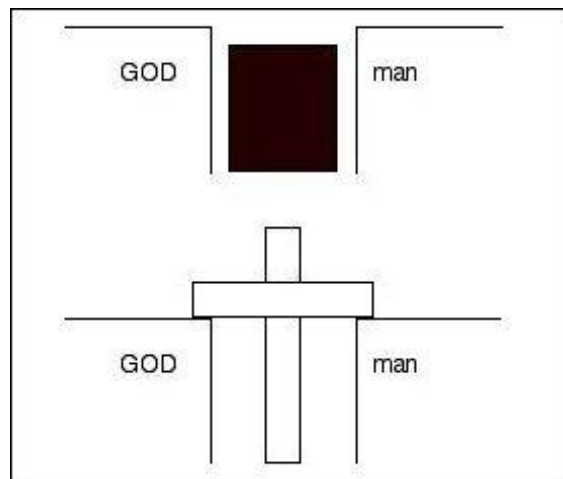
Gal 4:27 For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.

NIV

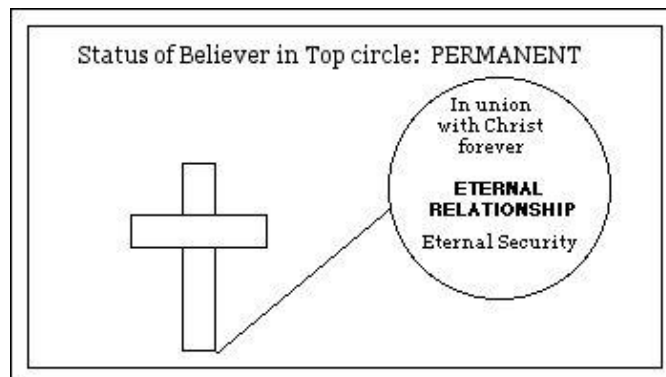
Gal 4:27 For it is written: "Be glad, O barren woman, who bears no children; break forth and cry aloud, you who have no labor pains; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband."

Introduction

1. The best way to approach this verse is to recognize we have a quote from Isa 54:1.
2. After all the darkness, the gloom, the suffering, and the sorrow of the cross in Isaiah chapter 53, the first word of chapter 54 is "Sing." Yes, after all that Jesus has done, we sing, but here the Holy Spirit directs His message to the remnant of Israel in the last days. He calls a once unfruitful people to rejoice for chapter 54 pictures a remnant returning to the Lord for blessing in their land at the Second Advent of Christ.
3. Before we look at chapter 53 as translated in the NIV I want to provide several charts which illustrate the position we hold in Christ and why!



Pisteuo Christ = Eternal Salvation
Pisteuo Doctrine = Spiritual Maturity



3.1 A wake up call to Israel from Isaiah in c. 700 B.C.

Isa 53:1 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Isa 53:2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

Isa 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isa 53:4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Isa 53:6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Isa 53:8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

Isa 53:9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

Isa 53:10 Yet it was the LORD'S will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

Isa 53:11 After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

Isa 53:12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

4. I want to provide what H.A. Ironside has written of these verses.

“After the call to sing; come God’s promises, and what wonderful promises they are! Note, however, that these promises are God’s promises to Israel. We Christians are such thieves—we steal so many things that belong to Israel and try to apply them to ourselves. This tendency was reflected in our old valued Bagster Bibles, where many of the chapters in Isaiah had headings such as “Curses on the Jews,” “Punishment on the Jews,” and “Judgment on the Jews,” but “Blessings on the Church” and “Joys of the Church.” All the judgment passages were definitely applied to the Jews, and all the glory passages to the church. But these headings were written by uninspired men who did not profess to insert them as the Word of God.

“God promised to bring Israel back to Himself and bless them. He will not keep His fury forever, for He said, “This is as the waters of Noah unto me.” Just as truly as He promised that the earth would never again be destroyed by a flood. He promised that the nation of Israel will never be destroyed, that someday a remnant will be saved and become a great nation, and that Israel will blossom and bud and fill the whole earth with goodness. “My kindness shall not depart from thee,” He said. Great shall be the peace of thy children.”

5. Now let's return to the exegesis of Gal 4:27 from the KJV.

6. Verse 27 is a continuation of a sentence begun at verse 26.

KJV-Sentence Continues

Gal 4:27 For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.

FOR IT IS WRITTEN, REJOICE γραφω γαρ ευφραινω

1. **Gar Grapho Euphraino** is literally “for you see it has been written in the past with the result it now stands written in Isa 54:1, “Rejoice ...”

2. **Gar** is an explanatory particle followed by the verb **Grapho** parsed as a 3rd person singular, perfect passive participle and the verb **Euphraino** parsed as a 2nd person singular, aorist passive imperative.

3. **Grapho** appears more than 150 times in the New Testament where it is variously translated “it is written, I have written, I wrote, hath written, to write” or “is written.”

1Co 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For **it is written** (Job 5:13), He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

Gal 6:11 Ye see how large a letter I **have written** unto you with mine own hand.

Phm 1:21 Having confidence in thy obedience I **wrote** unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.

Phm 1:22 But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.

1Pe 5:12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I **have written** briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.

1Pe 5:13 The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son.

2Pe 3:15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him **hath written** unto you;
2Pe 3:16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

Jude 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence **to write** unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which **are written** therein: for the time is at hand.

4. **Euphraino** appears some 13 times in Scripture where it is translated in the KJV, rejoice, fared, make merry” or “that maketh me glad.” Examples:

Luk 16:19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and **fared** sumptuously every day:

Luk 16:20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

2Co 2:2 For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me **glad**, but the same which is made sorry by me?

2Co 2:3 And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all.

2Co 2:4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

Rom 15:10 And again he saith, **Rejoice**, ye Gentiles, with his people.

Rom 15:11 And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.

Rev 11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and **make merry**, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

End Lesson Taught 7-16-2017

The Westbank Bible Church does not seek donations nor do we authorize any business to solicit same on behalf of the Church.