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Galatians Lesson

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1. Last week I taught Gal 4:31 and when time expired we were about to begin the exegesis of Gal 5:1.
2. Before returning to that study I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.
3. Expanded translation of Gal 4:28-31.

Gal 4:28 Now for you my brothers and sisters in Christ; we, like Isaac are children of promise.

Gal 4:29 At the time of Paul's writing, those born after the flesh, i.e., those who had rejected God's grace, they were continuously persecuting those born after the spirit, representing those accepting God's grace. By the way said Paul, it is the same now.

Gal 4:30 But what does Gen 21:10 teach us? "Get rid of the slave woman Hagar and her son Ishmael, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with Isaac, the free woman's son."

Gal 4:31 Consequently therefore we are not children of the slave woman Hagar but instead we are children of Sarah the free woman.

4. I want to review some of that learned last week and then begin new material on page three with an analysis of Gal 5:1.
5. Let's review the Greek noun **Paidiske** translated "of the bondwoman."

OF THE BONDWOMAN, ΠΑΙΔΙΣΚΕ

1. **Paidiske** is better translated "of Hagar the female slave of Sarah ..."
2. **Paidiske** is a noun declined as a genitive singular.
3. **Paidiske** appears 12 times in Scripture where it is translated "damsel, maids, maid" or "bondmaid." Examples:

Acts 12:13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a **damsel** came to hearken, named Rhoda.

Acts 12:14 And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.

BUT OF THE FREE. ἀλλὰ ο ελευθερα.

1. **Alla Ho Eleutheros** is better translated “but instead we are children of Sarah the free woman.”

2. **Alla** is the strong adversative followed by the monadic noun **Eleutheros** declined as a genitive plural.

3. **Eleutheros** appears 23 times in the New Testament where it is translated “free, freewoman” and “free man.” Keep in mind the gender of the suffix attached will determine whether it refers to a freeman or a freewoman.

Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you **free**.

Joh 8:33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made **free**?

Joh 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

3.1 If we continue in sin we may very well become addicted to sin. It very often takes a traumatic event to dislodge the addiction.

1Co 9:19 For though I be **free** from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

1Co 9:20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

1Co 9:21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

1Co 9:22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

Rev 13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, **free** and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

Rev 13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Rev 13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Rev 19:18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both **free** and bond, both small and great.

Rev 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

4. Now let's see how the entire verse looks by way of an expanded translation.

5. We are now ready to begin an analysis of Galatians chapter five.

KJV-New Sentence

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

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

STAND FAST THEREFORE ΟΥΝ ΣΤΗΚΩ

1. **Oun Steko** is better translated “Therefore in view of what we have just been taught we must stand fast ...”

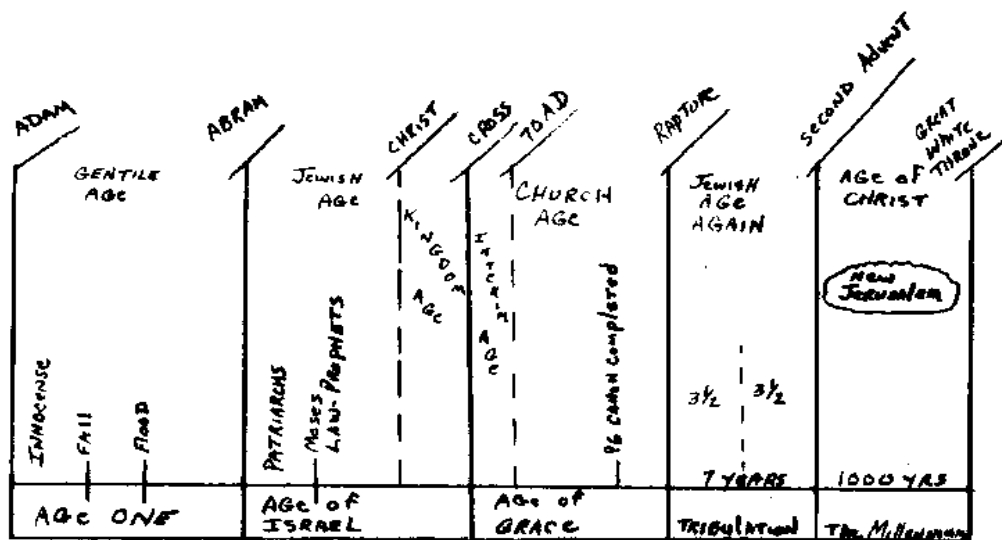
2. **Oun** is a continuative particle followed by the verb **Steko** parsed as a 2nd person plural, present active imperative.

3. **Steko** appears 8 times in the New Testament where it is translated “stand, standeth” or “stand fast.” Examples:

Mar 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mar 11:25 And when ye **stand** praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Mar 11:26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.



Rom 14:3 The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him.

Rom 14:4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master **he stands** or falls. And he **will stand**, for the Lord is able to make him **stand**.

Rom 14:5 One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.

Phi 4:1 Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should **stand** firm in the Lord, dear friends!

Phi 4:2 I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord.

2Th 2:15 So then, brothers, **stand firm** and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

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