The theme of the passage is Paul emphasizing once again that those who are in Christ are free:

"Brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman." (Gen. 15-16)

# THE WORK THAT GOD REQUIRES: THE MORE YOU KNOW

Galatians 4:21-31

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"Tell me, you who want to be under the Law, are you not aware of what the Law says?"

What got them in the mess they are in? What set them up for such great deception? (Likewise, what leaves us vulnerable?)

Ignorance of the Word of God.

# "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures..."

- Jesus, Matt 22:29

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2 Pet. 1:19-21; 2 Tim. 3:16-17 It is, in fact, the word of God

Isa. 40:5 It is authoritative

Prov. 30:5 It is flawless

Heb. 4:12 It is living and active

Matt. 24:35 It is enduring

#### HOW ARE WE TO HANDLE IT?

Ps. 119:103 As sweet and life-giving

Jam. 1:21-25 Humbly receive. Obey. Let work.

2 Tim. 2:15 Diligently study. Correctly handle.

Acts 17:11 Examine what we are taught daily

### IN WHAT WAYS DOES IT WORK?

Ps. 119:9-11, 105 As protection. Illumination. Direction

Heb. 4:12 As a sword to penetrate every part of us

John 17:17 As a sanctifying agent

Eph. 6:17 As a weapon against spiritual warfare

## A BEAUTIFUL ASSURANCE

"...the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you."

- John 14:26

### A CLEAR INSTRUCTION

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

- Col. 3:16