

INTRODUCTION

- * Last week we began to consider this section of the book of Hebrews by considering Paul's analogy of Hagar (Mt. Sinai) and Sarah (Mt. Zion) in Galatians 4, representing the contrast of trusting in our works of the Law for salvation and having faith in the grace of God. We then considered the description of these two mountains from the perspective of the author of Hebrews. Concerning the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai, the author revealed how the Hebrews did not want God to speak to them. So, he challenged his present listeners to not be like them and to not refuse Him who speaks!
- * We, as New Testament saints, ought to have grace since we are recipients of the Kingdom of Grace and ought to be, therefore, representatives of that Kingdom.
- * Today, we continue this in this portion looking to HOW that grace portrays itself in our lives. Those who enter the Kingdom of God by faith will live as being recipients of this Kingdom recognizing the righteous judgement of the King and seek to fulfill the calls to Love and Holiness issued by the King.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE CONTRAST (12:18-24; cf. Galatians 4:21-5:1)****A. Mount Sinai** (cf. Exodus 19:10-22; 20:18-21; Deuteronomy 5:22-27)

1. IT'S DESCRIPTION
 - a. The Description of the Mountain
 - b. The Description of the People
2. IT'S REPRESENTATION ... Trusting in our own adherence to the Law for righteousness

B. Mount Zion (cf. Psalm 132:13-14; Isaiah 28:16; 51:7-16; Joel 2:32; Revelation 14:1)

1. IT'S DESCRIPTION
 - a. The Description of the Mountain
 - b. The Description of the Citizens
2. IT'S REPRESENTATION ... Trusting in the sacrificial death of Christ for righteousness

II. THE CHALLENGE (12:25-27) ... See then that you do not refuse Him who speaks!**III. THE CONSEQUENCE (12:28-29)****A. The Exhortation ... Let us have grace!**

- B. The Foundation**
 1. WE ARE RECIPIENTS OF THE KINGDOM OF GRACE!
 2. WE ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE KINGDOM OF GRACE!

C. The Purpose

1. THAT WE MAY SERVE GOD ACCEPTABLY (cf. Rom 12:1-2; 14:16-19 ; Col 1:13-14; Eph 5:1-12)
2. THAT WE MAY SERVE GOD WITH HUMILITY & HONOR

D. The Motivation

- * cf. Exodus 24:9-18; Numbers 11:1-3; 16:31-35; Leviticus 10:1-3; 1 Kings 18:36-39; 2 Kings 1:9-15; Revelation 11:3-6

IV. THE C_____ (13:1-7)**A. The Call to Love** (v. 1-3)

1. LOVE THE B_____ (v. 1)
2. LOVE THE S_____ (v. 2)
3. REMEMBER THE P_____ (v. 3)
 - a. As if Chained with Them
 - b. Since You Are Also In the Body
 - * *PHYSICALLY* (cf. 1 Cor 6:19-20; Gal 6:17; Phil 1:20; Col 1:22)
 - * *SPIRITUALLY* (cf. Rom 12:4-5; 1 Cor 12:13,18,23-27; Col 3:15)

B. The Call to Holiness (v. 4-7)

1. TO BE WITHOUT D_____ (v. 4)

2. TO BE WITHOUT C _____ (v. 5-6)

3. TO BE WITHOUT D _____ (v. 7)

* cf. 1 Cor 4:14-17; Philippians 3:17-20; 1 Thess 1:5-7; 2 Thess 3:6-10; 3 John 1:11

V. THE C _____ (13:8)

INTROSPECTION

- * Are you living your life as a resident and representative of the Kingdom of God or the kingdom of man?
- * Are you "other focused" - having the mind of Christ?
- * Are you desiring to be holy and set apart to God?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Read Ephesians 4:17 - 5:16. How should those who know Jesus, and are being taught by Jesus, live in this world? What specific examples and applications are used by Paul to illustrate the difference which should be evidenced in our lives?