

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

SATB and Congregation* with optional Brass, Timpani and Handbells



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Happy Easter 2017. The Risen
Life: Pastor Chris Best

Happy Easter: Today we examine the Risen Life in Light of the Risen Lord. The Risen Life: Stand, Walk, Run: Gal 4:22-31; 5:1-26.

Stand in Liberty: Gal 5:1: Put on your 3-D glasses: The Allegory of Isaac and Ishmael. Gal 4:22-31.

Ishmael = law = bondage.

Hagar of Egypt (pictures the world), a bondswoman. Ishmael was born of bondage according to man's best efforts. Gen 16-21, 25

The Law is our Schoolmaster, a metric that allows us to measure our self-performance. It was given not for us to "measure up", but rather to allow us to see that we cannot do so. Gal 3:24-25. Our failure to measure up is remedied by the cross. Eph 2:13-16, Col 2:12-14.

Isaac = Liberty = grace.

Sarah was a free woman, not a bondswoman. Isaac was born of liberty, according to God's promises.

Do not "fall from grace" (Gal 5:4) and try to live out your faith in Christ legalistically, constantly focused on your self-performance with perceived condemnation. You really do not even have a metric to do so anymore. Instead stand in liberty.

Walk in the Spirit: Gal 5:13-17

Put 3-D glasses back on: Isaac's Offspring: An Allegory of Gal 5:13. Gen 25:19-27

Rebekah's Question is one we all need to ask. Gen 25:22. What is with this struggle within me? Gal 5:17 gives the answer:

Esau = flesh. Note: Red (Adamish), outside, at home in the world. Older.

Jacob = spirit. Note: Refined, indoors, Newer.

Older shall serve the younger: Walk in the spirit, not in the flesh. Just as we choose liberty by not putting ourselves under the law, but instead trusting in the finished work of the cross, we choose to walk in the spirit and not in the flesh. This is a deliberate choice we make, not a spiritual state we attain through our performance. This is the great topic of Rom 6-8.

Run Well: Gal 5:7: Run well through obedience to the truth. The Bible is truth (John 17:17). This not legalism, not performance, but rather is how we can run well as we stand in liberty and walk in the Spirit. It is how we love one another as in Gal 5:13. (1 Jn 2:5). In order to know how to run well, we must know what the bible says. Tune in to the LWC for the next several weeks for practical teachings from Col 3 on this.

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