

# Crowned With Dignity and Worth 2

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Cast Out That Bondwoman and Her Son - Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, and Ismael

**Galatians 4:19-23,30** – <sup>19</sup> My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until **Christ is formed in you**, <sup>20</sup> how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you! <sup>21</sup> Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? <sup>22</sup> For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. <sup>23</sup> His son by the slave woman was born in **the ordinary way**; but his son by the free woman was born as **the result of a promise**.

<sup>30</sup> But what does the Scripture say? "**Get rid of the slave woman and her son**, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son." **NIV**

- Getting rid of the “slave woman” wasn’t difficult, because Abraham didn’t love her.
- What he loved was what the “slave woman” produced.
- Our Efforts vs. The Unmerited Promise
- Oh, that Ismael might live!

Wherever we find our **worth** and **identity** we will struggle to **cast out THAT bondwoman**.

### **Ishmael – Self Righteousness**

- All self-righteousness is a determination to create value within yourself and before God.
- Both are fruitless way in which to “Cover Yourself” - *ADAM*

When Adam sinned, he hid himself and thereby “judged God.” When we try to “hide and cover,” we also judge God, and if you listen closely, you will hear Him say to you, “Where are you?”

We have to count “EVERYTHING BUT DUNG,” in order to be “FOUND IN CHRIST” and to find our self-worth **in Him**.

**Philippians 3:4-10** – <sup>4</sup> though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in

regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for **legalistic righteousness**, faultless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider **everything a loss compared** to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may **gain Christ** <sup>9</sup> and be **found in him**, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ-the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. **NIV**

**Acts 17:28** – “For **in Him** we live and move and have our being.” As some of your own poets have said, “**We are his offspring.**”

**What happens to a person when they find their worth in Christ?**

**John 5:39-41** – <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! <sup>40</sup> Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life. <sup>41</sup> “**Your approval means nothing to me.**

Once you find your worth in Christ, you no longer need to find it in places that are unsustainable, like the mirror of the opinions of others.

Once you **have something in abundance**, you cease to search for it.

Once you have something in abundance, the pursuit of it loses its value!

Our position **in Christ** has supplied us with **dignity and worth in abundance!**