

Galatians 4:1-7

Slaves vs. Sons

- I. The illustration (vv. 1-2)
 - A. A child, as long as he is a child...
 - B. Is no different than a slave...
 - C. Until the time appointed by the Father.
- II. The application of the illustration (vv. 3-5)
 - A. So also, when we were under the law... (v. 3)
 - 1. We were in bondage
 - 2. Under the elements of the world
 - B. But when the fulness of time was come... (v. 4)
 - 1. God sent forth His Son
 - a. Made of a woman
 - b. Made under the law
 - 2. To redeem those under the law (v. 5a)
 - 3. So that we might receive the adoption of sons (v. 5b)
- III. The implications of the application (vv. 6-7)
 - A. Because you are sons... (v. 6)
 - God has sent the Spirit of His Son into your hearts crying
"Abba, Father"
 - B. So that... (v. 7)
 - 1. You are no more a slave, but a son
 - 2. And if a son, then an heir