

Galatians Ch. 4

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Galatians 4:1-7

- Upon reaching maturity, a son receives an inheritance from a father. Until this time, the son is immature.
- The father determines the date of maturity.
- Before the inheritance, bondage, not full freedom.
- At the time set by Father, His Son came to redeem those under the law (Israel) for adoption.
- As an adopted son, you refer to God as "Daddy."
- No longer a slave but full heir through God.

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Galatians 4:8-11

- Prior to Christ, we are enslaved to what's not God.
 - Today's self interests; you create God in **your** image.
 - Today's worldly interests; you can live out **your** truth.
- Now that "God knows us," we do not re-enslave ourselves.
- Rule following - dates, seasons, years; no benefit. (Acts 20:7, Col. 2:16-17, 1 Cor. 16:2, Rev. 1:10)
- The Galatians were going to the Law, which they didn't follow before. Was Paul's efforts wasted?

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Galatians 4:12-20

- Previously, Paul was a proud Law keeper; now free.
- When he preached earlier, he suffered medically but he was received openly and with joy.
- Why are you now siding against me and the truth?
- Truth is the enemy of those who don't want it.
- False teachers want a following exclusive to them.
- Ok for other truth speakers to love them.
- Paul wants to be there & they have a changed heart.

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Galatians 4:21-31

- Do you want the Law, if so, understand it; fully!!!
- Abraham had two sons. Ishmael by his will to help God. Isaac by promise; God made it possible.
- Hagar & Sarah = two different covenants.
 - Hagar – Mt. Sinai = slavery to the Law. This represents Israel in that day. Under and a slave to the Law.
 - Sarah – Jerusalem from above; freedom in the promise and not by works of the Law.

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Galatians 4:21-31

- Sarah, unable to conceive without God, will have more children than Hagar – future Gentile believers.
- Believers today are children of the promise.
- There are 2 teams; the Team Satan is at enmity with Team Jesus and will persecute the promised lineage.
- The blessing does not flow thru the offspring of human effort but that of promise.
- Believers today are now free in Christ; not Law.

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