

Sonship in Christ

Galatians 4:1-11

- I. Review
 - A. Paul
 - i. Pharisee
 - ii. Approved the stoning of Stephen
 - iii. Passionate
 - iv. Converted—Acts 9
 - v. Persecuted
 - vi. Defense to the Judaizers—Gal.2:16, 20
 - B. Can anyone help me?
 - i. Look for alternatives
 - 1. Persuadable
 - 2. Tangible
 - ii. Gospel is the only way
 - 1. Acts 4:12; 16:31
 - 2. Philip. 4:19
 - 3. Psalm 23
 - iii. God demands perfection
 - a. Deut. 28:1, 15
 - b. James 2:10
 - c. Matt. 5:48
 - iv. We are not, cannot be, perfect in our own power
 - v. Only One has lived perfect life
 - 1. Identify with Him
- II. Sonship—Galatians 4:1-11
 - A. Judaizers motives were right; their method was wrong
 - B. Law was not designed to save, only to show us our sin
 - C. Sons of God
 - i. Gal. 3: 7, 26-29, 4:1-8
- III. Adoption
 - A. Widely practiced
 - i. Adults and children

B. Who we were

- i. Prior in bondage
 - 1. Guardians and managers
- ii. Coming of age
 - 1. Toga praetexta
 - 2. Toga virilis
- iii. Elemental things
 - 1. ABC's
 - 2. Mature

C. What God did

- i. Regeneration; born again—John 3:3
- ii. Fullness of time—Mark 1:14-15
 - 1. God's perfect timing
 - 2. Conditions were right
- iii. God sent forth His Son
 - 1. On a mission
 - 2. Fully God—significant enough
- iv. Born of a woman
 - 1. Fully human—able to represent all mankind
- v. Born under the law
 - 1. Faced every temptation we will face, never sinned
 - 2. 1 in billions
 - 3. Paid it all
- vi. Sent forth His Son
 - 1. Dwell in us—same Spirit who was with Christ is now the believers Helper and Comforter
- vii. Abba! Father!
 - 1. Abba—Aramaic—Father
 - 2. Pater—Greek—Father
 - 3. Double identifies God loves and cares for those who belong to Him

D. Paul laments their regression; their turning back to bondage

- i. Paul—as their pastor—aches for the Galatians
- ii. Suffered for them—Acts 14

E. Let go of the rope!