

## Grace at Work a Study of the Book of Galatians

### Galatians 4:1-7

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#### Opening Discussion Questions:

1. What role did Paul say the law served before faith in Christ was revealed? (See Galatians 3:24-25)
2. According to Galatians 3:26-29 who are the true children of Abraham?

#### 1. The Condition Before Christ (Galatians 4:1-3)

- Illustration of the child heir
- Paul shifts pronoun to “we”
- Stoicheia (The ABC’s)

#### Group Discussion:

1. What do you think living in bondage looked like for people living under the law?

#### 2. God Sent His Son (Galatians 4:4-5)

- The turning point of history – “But when the fullness of the time had come...”
- God acted according to His perfect timing and plan.
- Jesus Christ and his deity
- We have been redeemed

#### Group Discussion:

1. What does it mean that Jesus had to be “born under the law” in order to redeem those who were under it?
2. Why is it significant that Paul says we receive adoption, not just forgiveness?

#### 3. Our New Identity (Galatians 4:6-7)

- The gift of the Spirit
- “Abba, Father” – a deeply personal expression of relationship and intimacy.
- Grace does not simply improve our standing with God, it gives us a new identity as children of God.

#### Closing Questions:

1. How does understanding our identity as sons and heirs change how we approach God?
2. If we are heirs of God through Christ, how should that shape the way we live our daily lives and walk with the Lord?