

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: How can you tell the difference between engaging God as a religion, and enjoying God through a relationship. To sum it up in one word - the difference is GRACE. The Book of Galatians helps Christians eradicate a religious approach to God from our lives, so that we can pursue a joyous relationship with Him. Let's learn to *Let Grace Work*.

Religion: Trying to be Godly without God.

Two Key Questions:

1. Where is the 'Trap of Religion' holding me back?
2. How is a 'Relationship of Grace' actively setting me free?

Galatians 3:26-29; 4:1-7; 21-24a (ESV)

Slave or Son?

A slave has a master, a son has a Father.

A slave is a possession, a son is a part of a family.

A slave is powerless, a son is empowered.

A slave is punished, a son is disciplined.

A slave receives a wage, a son receives an inheritance.

A slave has rules to follow, a son has responsibilities to grow into.

A slave is chronically insecure, a son is safe and secure.

A slave's life is focused on doing, a son's life is focused on becoming.

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) In this past week: Where is the 'Trap of Religion' holding you back? How is a 'Relationship of Grace' actively setting you free?
- 3) Read Galatians 3:26-4:7. What about this passage speaks to you the most? Does this stir any emotions in you? Explain.
- 4) What was/is your relationship with your earthly father (or father figure) like? How do you believe this has impacted your approach to and experience of God as a Father?
- 5) Which aspects of the *Slave or Son* differences speak to you the most? Explain.