

Galatians 4:1-11

From Slaves to Sons		Galatians 4:1-11
<i>Intro:</i> Humans have a pattern of falling back into our old ways. God comes and makes the sinner alive, and yet for many reasons we can find ourselves returning to our sinful past.	<i>Review:</i> Paul spent the first half of this letter rebuking the influence of the Judaizers. The evidence has been present: works can not save, only faith in Christ	<i>Today:</i> The tone of Paul's letter is going to change. Still addressing the Judaizer heresy, but now the focus to the Galatian churches is the principles and privileges of Justification
<i>Reading:</i> Galatians 4:1-11 *note* verses 8-10 really go with the next section but it is relevant to today's topic.		
1. Condition before Christ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V. 3 The state of a child <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ "Enslaved to the elementary principles of the world" = the man made rituals, man-made systems of works Col 2:8 • V. 1-2, 8 A child is as a slave <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Understand the culture of child raising in the ancient world. Therefore, slaves to sin and to the "elementary principles..." Titus 3:3 	2. The Christ that came <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V. 4 The condition of the Christ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ (1) came "when the fullness of time had come" Mark 1:15 ◦ (2) born of woman John 1:14, Rom. 1:3, Romans 8:3, Phil. 2:7 ◦ (3) "born under the law" Luke 2:21, 27 • V. 5 The purpose of the Christ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ No longer slaves "To redeem" John 8:34-36, 	3. Condition after Christ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V. 6-7 Heirs with Christ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Heirs of the Promise, of the access to God through the Holy Spirit Romans 8:16-17 • V. 9 Why go back? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ V. 10 Paul says they "observe days and months and seasons and years" that is following the (Jewish) rituals ◦ In other words, why do you seek to return to your pre-Christ life? 1 Peter 2:24
<i>Conclusion:</i> Paul's statement about justification is clear, we have been made free in Christ through Faith. We are not bound by our old ways. Thus, why do we continue to fall back into the sinful habits of our past again and again?		

References

Colossians 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

Titus 3:3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

Mark 1:14-15 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, **15** and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Romans 1:3 concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh

Romans 8:3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

Philippians 2:7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Luke 2:21 And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Luke 2:27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law,

John 8:34-36 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. **35** The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. **36** So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Romans 8:16-17 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,**17** and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

1 Peter 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.