

## Galatians: Salvation from Beginning to End

4:1-7 "The Fullness of Time"

### Heirs of the Promise

- We are justified by faith in Christ **alone**—not by works of the Law.
- This covenant based on grace through faith was **promised** to Abraham and his descendant, Christ.
- As believers in Christ, we are in the family of Abraham, heirs to the **promise**.

### The Guardian and The Heir (1-3)

- Paul's metaphor swings from **individual** to **corporate**.
- The people of Israel were under a **guardian** (the law), just like the gentiles were under slavery to pagan **gods**.
- The elemental principles of the world are the basic and meaningless components of **religious** practice.
- The elemental practices focus on **appeasing** God/gods by **human** behavior.

### The Fullness of Time (4-5)

- Jesus's incarnation, life, death, and resurrection were **always** the plan of God for salvation.
- Jesus is truly **human** and truly **divine**.
- Jesus was obligated to keep the Covenant of **Works**.
- Jesus perfect life and **vicarious** death destroys the curse of the Law and brings us into the Covenant of **Grace**.

### The Spirit of Christ (6)

- All those who have faith in Christ receive his **Spirit**.
- The Spirit grants us **sonship** in God's family.
- Our ability to cry Abba grants us **assurance**.

### The Slave-Turned-Heir (7)

- Those in Christ are not enslaved to the **law**.
- Those in Christ are not enslaved to **idols**.
- Your status in the kingdom is based on your **relationship** to Christ.